### **APPENDIX C**

# DCR- Natural Heritage Program

Michelle Edwards, Locality Liaison







**Division of Natural Heritage** 

Conserving Virginia's biodiversity through inventory, protection and stewardship.

## Locality Assistance Program for Natural Heritage Conservation

### Training and Support

- Training to provide explanations of NH conservation site data, rankings and terminology
- VA NH Data Explorer Training
- Continuous support from the DCR-NH Locality Liaison
- Follow-up meetings to discuss issues or concerns that may arise

### Data Subscription

- Digital screening coverage CD
- VA NH Data Explorer subscription website
- A signed data license agreement is required
- No charge to local governments and non-profit organizations

#### Other Data Resources

- Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment
- Conservation Lands Database
- Virginia Lands Conservation Data Explorer (includes both data sets listed above)

## Locality Assistance Program for Natural Heritage Conservation

### Project Review

NH staff review of projects for NH resource occurrences and potential

### Policy Guidance

- Recommended language for the comprehensive plan & other key planning documents: PDR/TDR Programs, overlay districts, etc.
- Guidance for establishment of local policies to incorporate NH resources into project review & approval

#### Biological Assessment

- Evaluation of current NH resource records for the locality
- Inventory work
- Recommendations for management / protection

# **DCR** Mission

The Department of Conservation and Recreation

- Works with Virginians to conserve, protect, and enhance their lands and improve the quality of the Chesapeake Bay and our rivers and streams,
- Promotes the stewardship and enjoyment of natural, cultural and outdoor recreational resources, and
- Ensures the safety of Virginia's dams.



## Fulfilling the mission....

# DCR's Six Program Divisions

- Each Division offers program elements that when integrated create a comprehensive conservation and recreation agency.
  - Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance
  - Dam Safety
  - Natural Heritage
  - Planning & Recreational Resources
  - Soil and Water Conservation
  - State Parks



# Virginia's Natural Heritage Program

- Mission: Identify, protect & conserve Virginia's biodiversity
- Focus on:

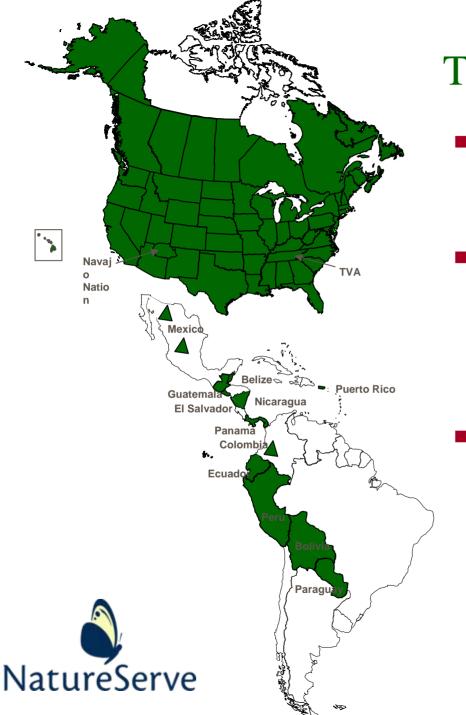






- Rare and exemplary natural communities
- Significant caves and karst features





## The NatureServe Network

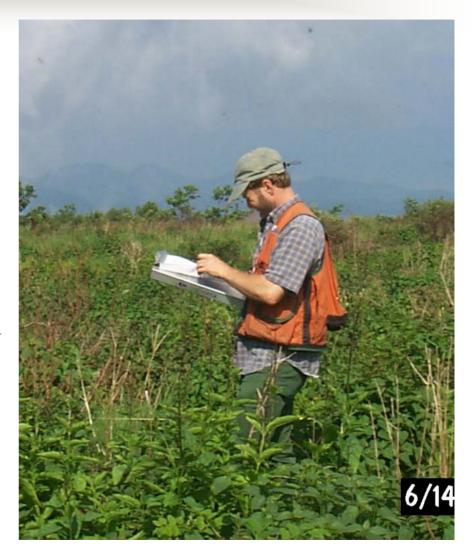
- DCR participates in an International Network of Natural Heritage Programs.
- The network helps Virginians make informed decisions, and helps carry our efforts and information to conservation decision-makers throughout the Western Hemisphere.
- The NatureServe Network is made up of:
  - 54 U.S. programs
  - 8 Canadian programs
  - 18 Latin American / Caribbean programs

# DCR - Division of Natural Heritage (DNH) Program Structure

- Inventory
- Natural Area Protection
- Natural Area Stewardship
- Information Management
- Environmental Review

# Inventory

- Staff of botanists, zoologists and ecologists
- Find & document location and condition of natural heritage resources
- Work on public & private land
- Inventories done on a contract basis
  - Fee charged for this service



## Natural Area Protection

## Protect habitat through:

- Landowner education
- Resource management plans
- Virginia Registry of Natural Areas
- Conservation easements
- Acquisition of land through gift or purchase





# Natural Area Stewardship

- Manage land to protect & enhance natural heritage resources
- Manage system of 49 preserves covering over 42,002 acres
- Provide expertise to federal, state & local agencies, & private landowners





## Virginia's Natural Area Preserve System

#### Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation

#### 49 State Natural Area Preserves - 42,002 Acres

#### NATURAL AREA PRESERVES 1 The Cedars 20 Hughlett Point 39. Elklick Woodlands 2 Cleveland Barrens 21 Dameron Marsh 40. Unthanks Cave 3 Pinnacle 22 New Point Comfort 41. Mount Joy Pond 40 Miles 4 Big Spring Bog 23 Bethel Beach 42. Red Rock Mountain 43. Cherry Orchard Bog 5 Buffalo Mountain 24 Northwest River 25 North Landing River 44. Mutton Hunk Fen 6 Pedlar Hills 26 Savage Neck 45. Clover Hollow 7 Poor Mountain 8 Johnsons Creek 27 Cape Charles Coastal Habitat 46. Marks and Jacks Islands 28 William B. Trower Bayshore 9 Grassy Hill 47. Chestnut Ridge 10 Folly Mills Fen 29 Parkers Marsh 48. Magothy Bay 49. Naked Mountain 11 Cowbane Wet Prairie 30 Wreck Island 12 Chub Sandhill 31 Chotank Creek 13 Dendron Swamp 32 Deep Run Ponds 14 Cumberland Marsh 33 Difficult Creek 32 15 Blackwater Ecological Preserve 34 Bull Run Mountains 16 Antioch Pines 35 False Cape State Park 17 Grafton Ponds 36 Goshen Pass 37 Grayson Glades 18 Bush Mill Stream 19 Hickory Hollow 38 Parramore Island 33 37



# Information Management

- Manages natural heritage resource data
  - Integrated system
    - Oracle Database
    - Comprehensive GIS mapping system
- Develops products for federal, state & local governments, and citizens that present the data in a user-friendly format
  - Digital Data
  - NH Data Explorer
  - VCLNA
  - Maps



# Environmental Review

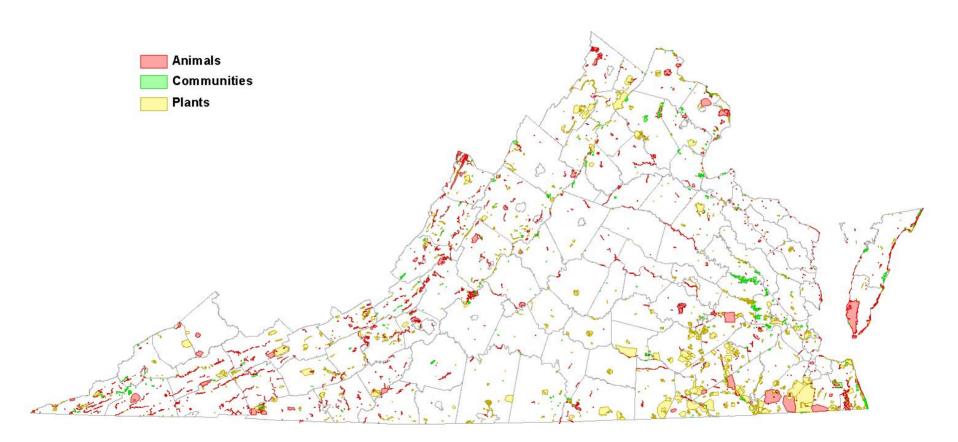
## Project Review

Assesses the potential for proposed projects to impact natural heritage resources and recommends ways to avoid or minimize these impacts.

## Locality Liaison

Works with local governments and other conservation partners to encourage comprehensive use of natural heritage data and services for conservation planning and decision making.

### Natural Heritage Resources in Virginia



# Why not just listed species?

- DNH tracks information on 258 G1 and G2 species and communities (the rarest of the rare globally).
- 6 of the 258 are communities, which are not listed
- 42 of the 258 are federally listed
- 23 of the 258 are not federally listed but are state listed
- This leaves 193 G1 G2 NH resources unlisted
- 38 of the non-listed G1 G2 species and communities are known from 2 or 3 locations
- 91 of the non-listed G1 G2 species and communities are known from one location
- Conclusion: protecting only listed species could cause a species' extinction with just one

## Wind-tidal Oligohaline Marsh (G1/S1)



(Taken at North Landing River Natural Area Preserve)

## Peatland Atlantic White Cedar Forests (G2/S1)



(Taken along the east side of the North Landing River near Creeds, City of Virginia Beach)

# Bay-gall Holly (G5/S2/NL/NL)



# VA Least Trillium (G3T2/S2/SOC/NL)







Elliot's Aster (G4/S1/NL/NL)

# King's Hairstreak (G3G4/S2S3/NL/NL)





Barking Tree Frog
(G5/S1/NL/LT)



# Canebrake Rattlesnake (G4TUQ/S1/NL/LE)



# Loggerhead Turtle (G3/S1B,S1N/LT/LT)



Bald Eagle (G4/S2S3B,S3N/NL/LT)





# Great Egret (G5/S2B,S3N/NL/SC)



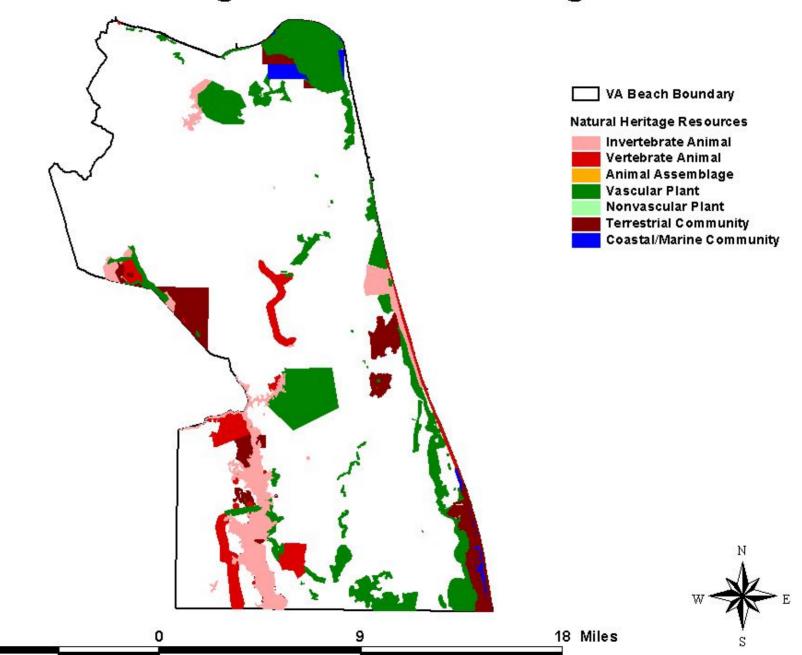


Eastern Big-eared Bat (G3G4/S1/SOC/LE)

# Dismal Swamp Southeastern Shrew (G5T4/S2/NL/LT)



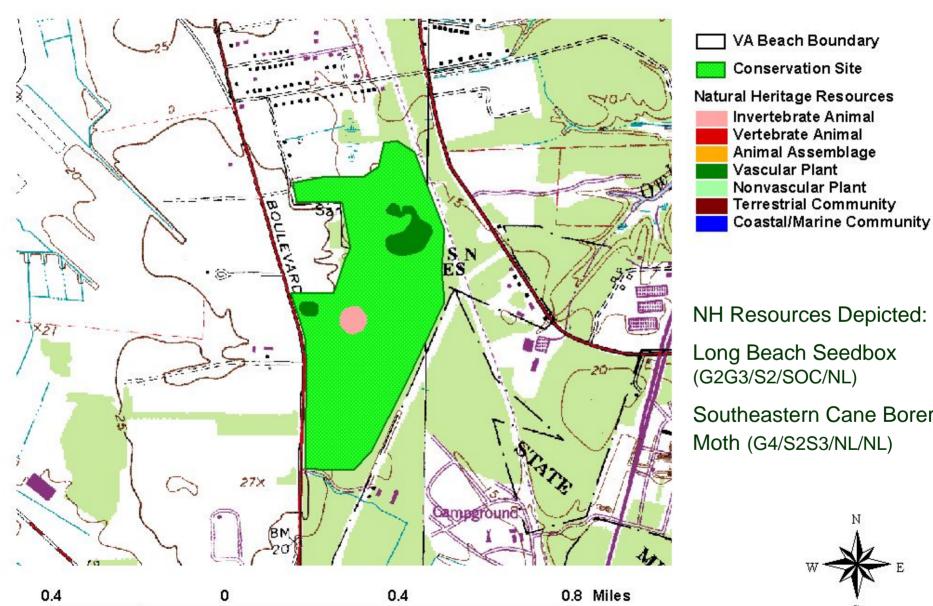
## Natural Heritage Resources In Virginia Beach



# **Conservation Sites**

- Mapped boundaries that enclose:
  - One or more natural heritage resources, and
  - The surrounding habitat or buffer necessary to protect the resources.
- Represent land that should be considered for protection of the natural heritage resources.
  - Do NOT represent protected lands

## Oceana Ponds & Forest Conservation Site (Natural Heritage Resources Displayed)



VA Beach Boundary Conservation Site Natural Heritage Resources Invertebrate Animal Vertebrate Animal Animal Assemblage Vascular Plant Nonvascular Plant Terrestrial Community

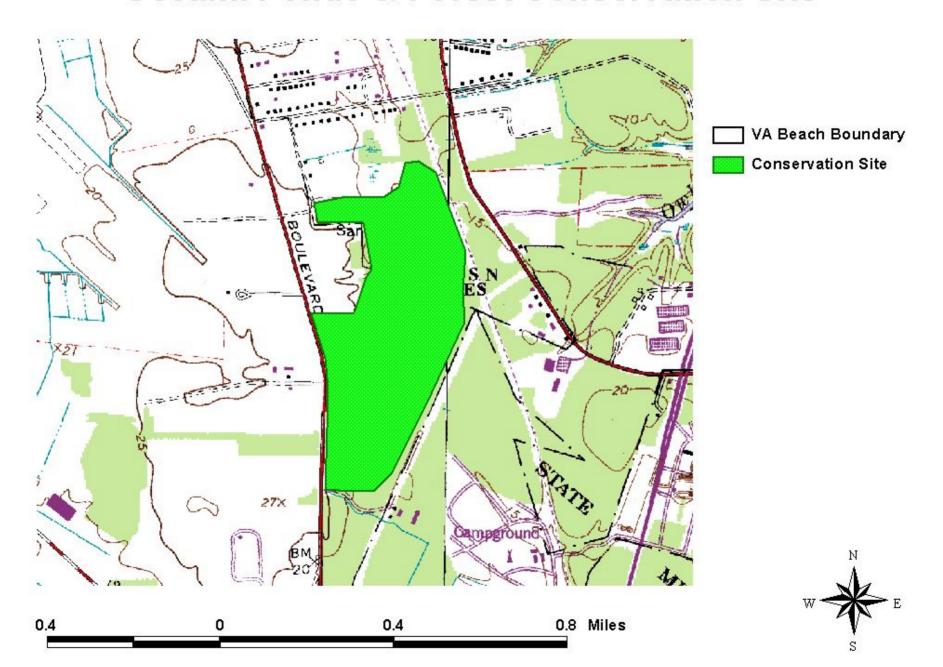
NH Resources Depicted:

Long Beach Seedbox (G2G3/S2/SOC/NL)

Southeastern Cane Borer Moth (G4/S2S3/NL/NL)



## **Oceana Ponds & Forest Conservation Site**



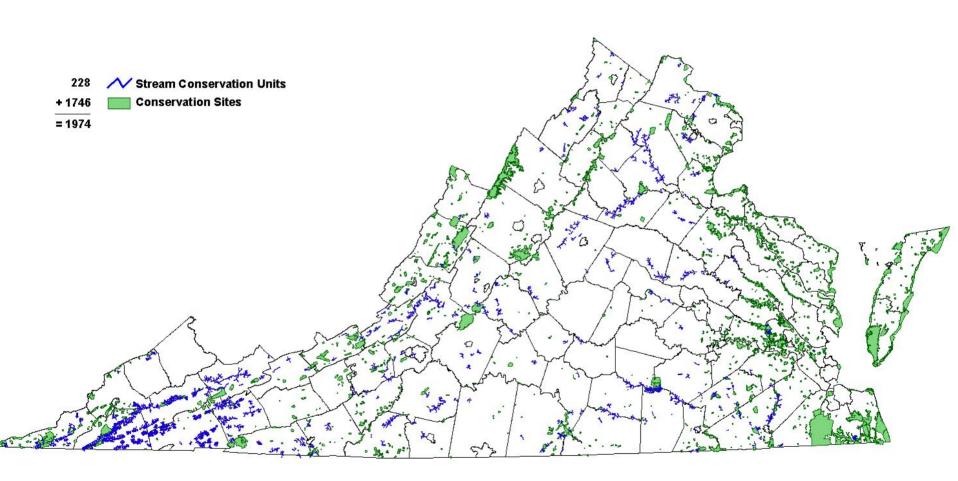
## Conservation Site Boundaries

- Conservation site boundaries include the full extent of known NH resources, and can also include:
  - Adjacent associated habitat
  - Buffer from adjacent disturbance, predation, or invasive species risks
  - Additional land that may be necessary for effective stewardship, e.g.:
    - Management of direct impacts to hydrology or water quality.
    - Sufficient area to manage prescribed burn, for fire-dependent species
  - Boundaries are reviewed and modified based on:
    - New NH resource information
    - Updated habitat information

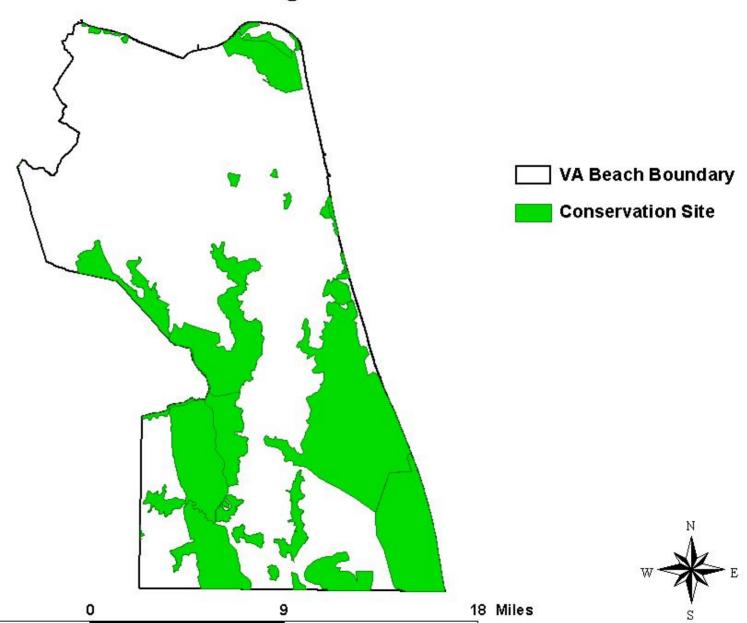
## Sources of Conservation Site Boundaries

- Detailed conservation site plans contained in DNH technical reports
  - Developed through:
    - Comprehensive inventory work or
    - Conservation planning work
- Biologists' field notes,
- Aerial photography, and/or
- Other in-office resources

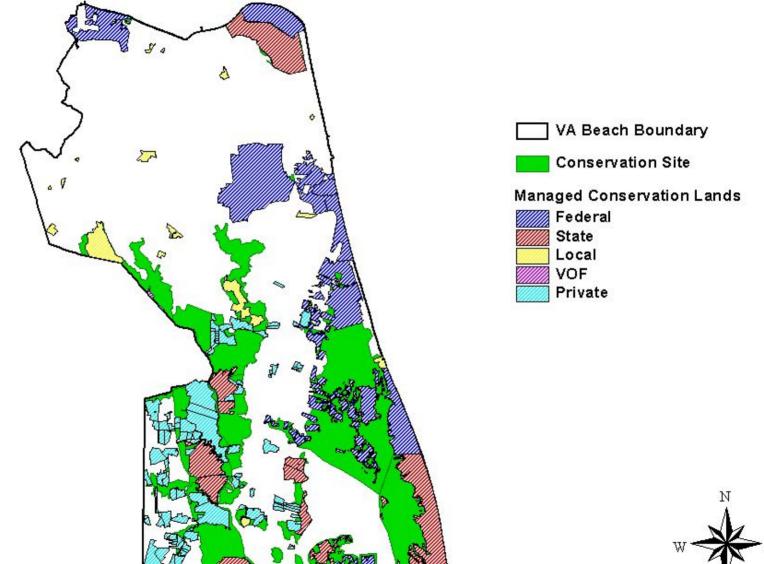
#### Conservation Sites and Stream Conservation Units in Virginia



## Natural Heritage Conservation Sites In Virginia Beach



### NH Conservation Sites Vs. Managed Conservation Lands In Virginia Beach



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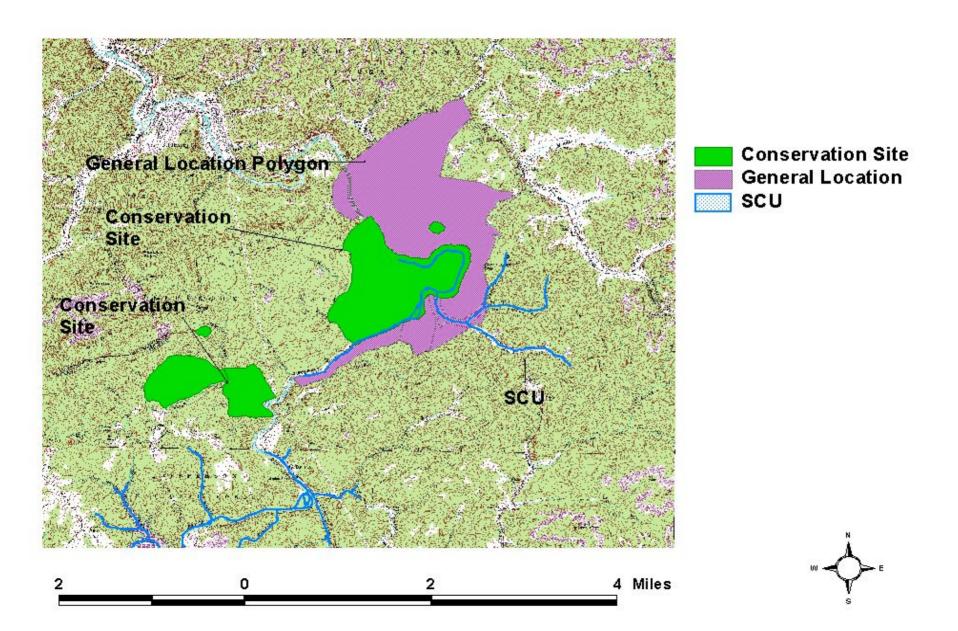
# Biodiversity Ranking

- Each conservation site is given a biodiversity significance rank (B-rank) based on:
  - Rarity
  - Quality
  - Number of natural heritage resources
- Scale of 1-5, 1 being most significant:
  - B1 Outstanding significance
  - B2 Very high significance
  - B3 High significance
  - B4 Moderate significance
  - B5 General significance

## General Locations of NH Resources

- Documented occurrences whose locations are not precisely known or recently verified
- Suggest potential for rare species to occur
- Displayed as polygons not associated with a conservation site

#### General Locations of Natural Heritage Resources and Conservation Sites



## Uses of Conservation Sites Data

- Screening projects for potential impacts
- Local and regional planning
  - Comprehensive Plan
  - Overlay District
- Targets for acquisitions and easements
  - PDR/TDR Programs
- Guide priorities for restoration activities
- Key factor in Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment (VCLNA)

# DCR-DNH Screening Process

- The project boundaries are digitized in Arcview environmental review project
- A 2 mile radius is created from the digitized project boundaries
- The buffer intersects with the natural heritage resources layer
- If a hit occurs, DCR-DNH staff determines potential adverse impact from the proposed project and makes recommendations when appropriate
- DCR staff can also comment on potential habitat in areas that have not been inventoried for natural heritage resources.

# Virginia Natural Heritage Data Explorer

- Allows internet users to conduct basic GIS functions on a remote website
- Requires only Microsoft Internet Explorer web browser and minimal instruction to operate
- Alternative to receiving digital data to integrate into existing GIS system
- Available on a subscription basis to organizations only
- There is a charge to for-profit organizations
- Found at www.vanaturalheritageexplorer.org

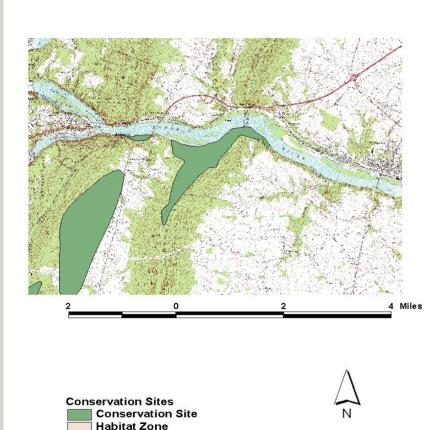
## Virginia Natural Heritage Data Explorer

Features powerful GIS capabilities, including:

- An interactive map that can display a variety of geospatial data layers, including locality boundaries, roads, streams, watershed boundaries, conservation lands, and topographic and aerial photography backgrounds.
- Change the scale and location of map displays
- Select and identify specific features
- Print simple maps
- Create boundaries and labels for specific project locations that will display with other map features
- Identify presence of natural heritage resources within a two mile buffer around a specific project location
- Submit projects for review to DCR through the website; receive an automatic response, including a formal letter, if no natural heritage resources are found



# Tier II Digital Data

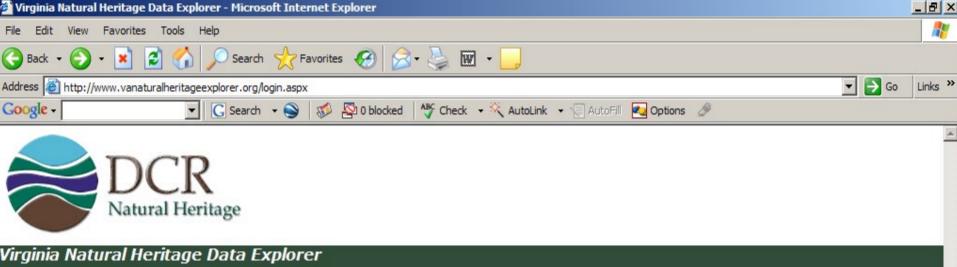


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#### Natural Heritage Screening Coverage

- **■**Conservation Sites
  - Attributes: Sitename, Brank, Acreage, Presence of listed species
  - ■EOs associated with each site are identified, but exact locations are not provided
- ■General Locations of Natural Heritage Resources

For localities, PDCs and regulatory partners





Welcome to the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Virginia Natural Heritage Data Explorer. This is a subscriber-only website, available to organizations (agencies, companies, and non-profits only). If you would like your organization to apply to be a subscriber click here.

To visit the public website of DCR's Natural Heritage Program, with its wealth of information on Virginia's natural heritage resources, and to search our databases at the county, watershed, or species/community level, click here.

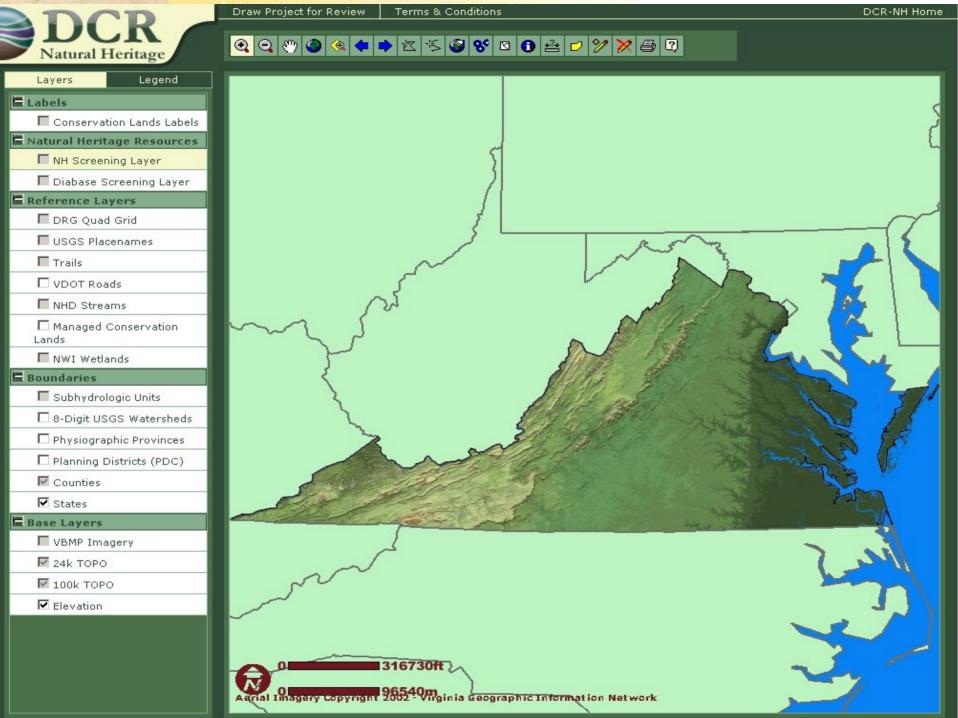
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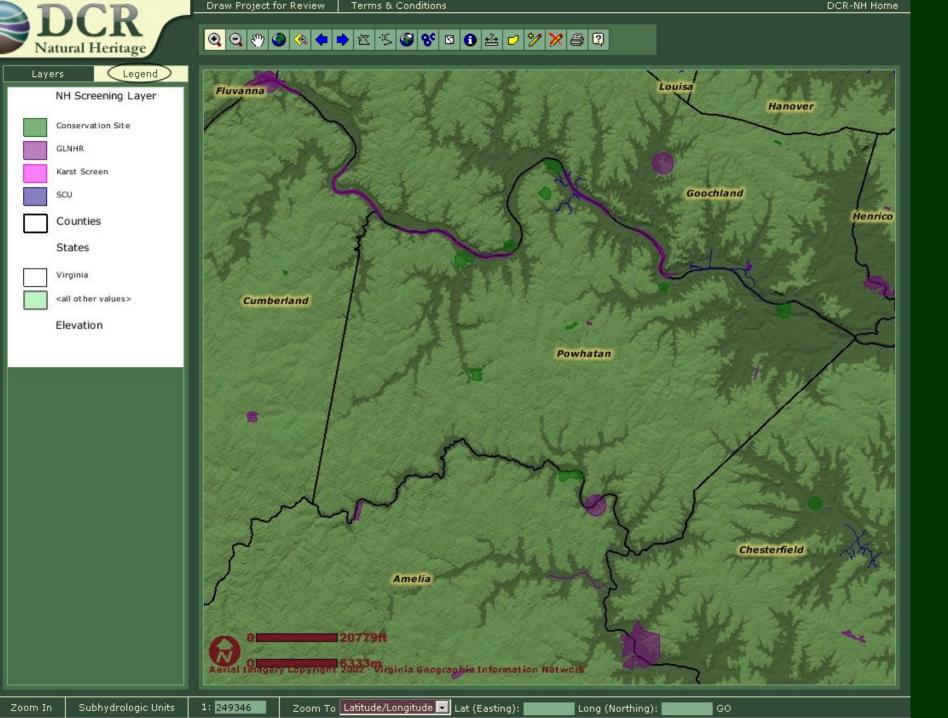
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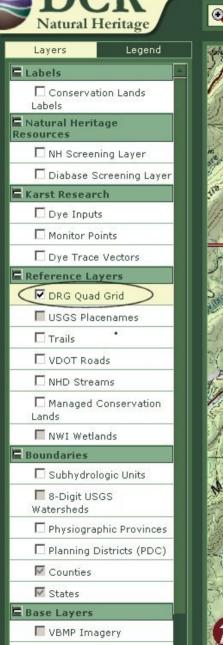
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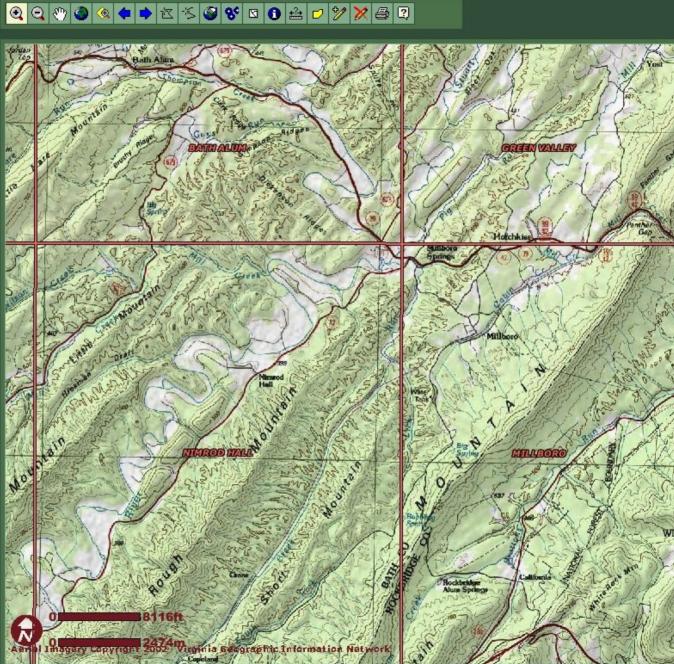
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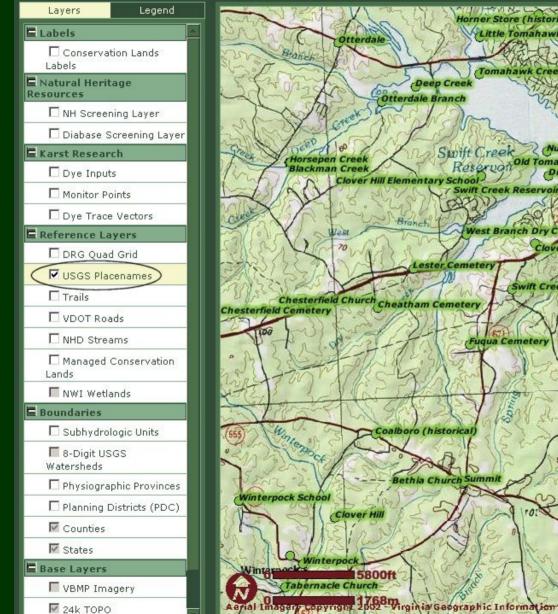


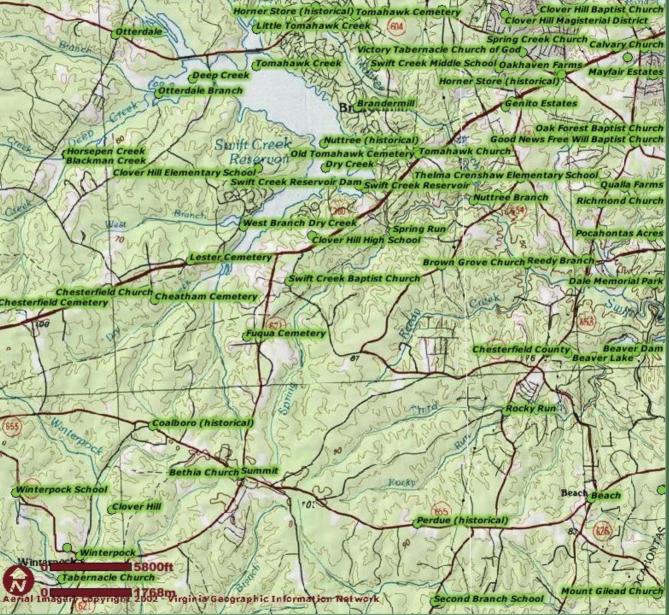
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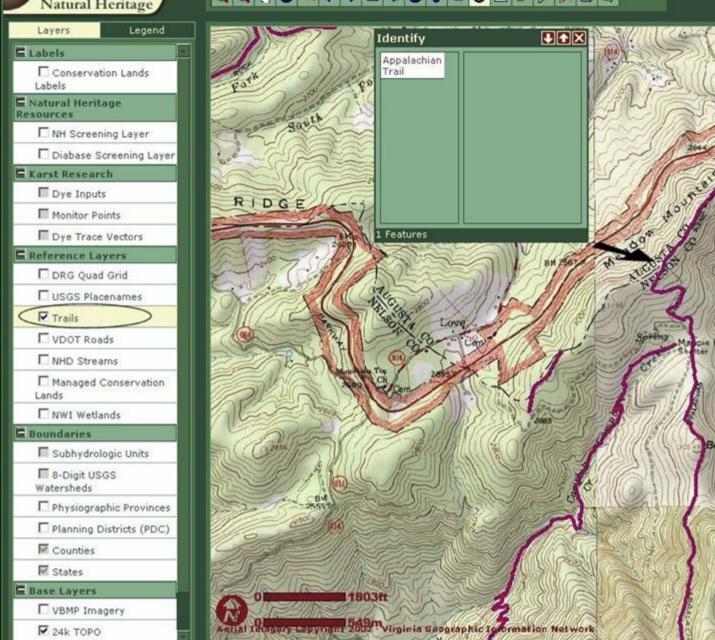


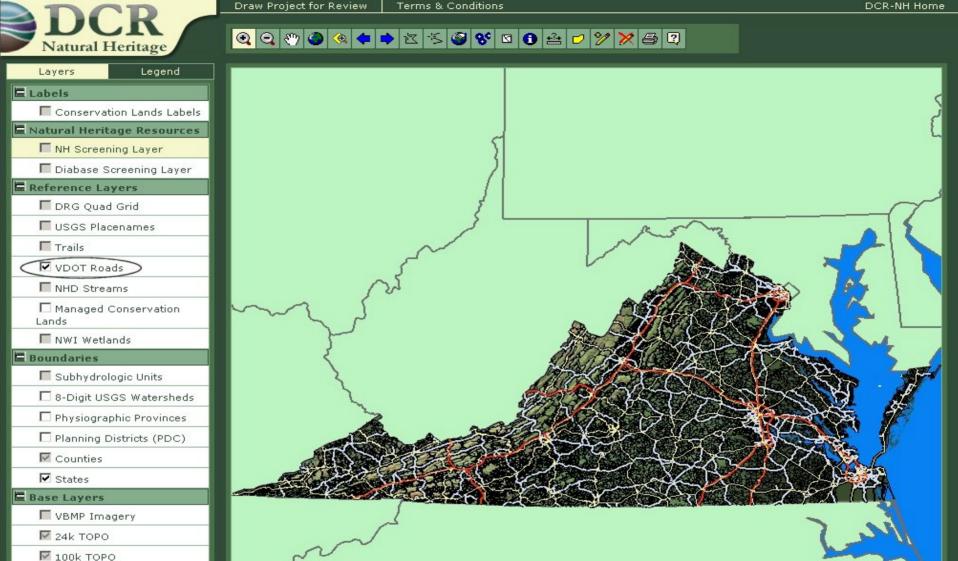




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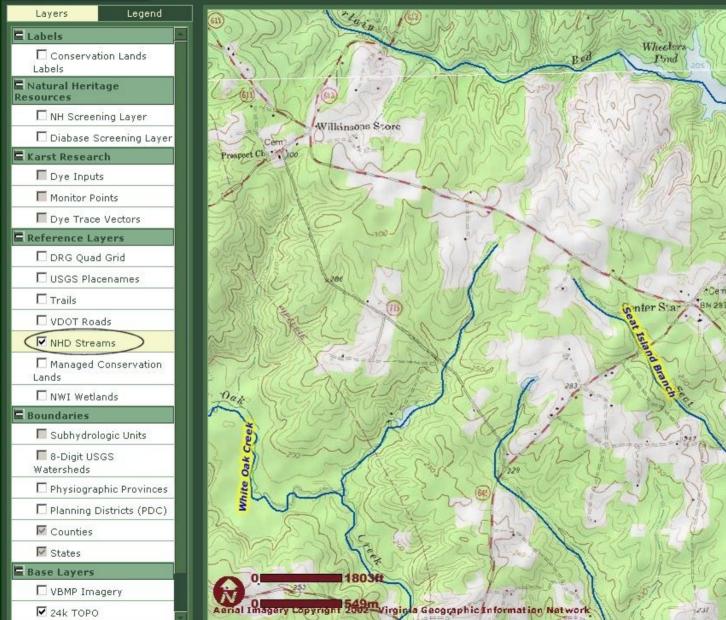




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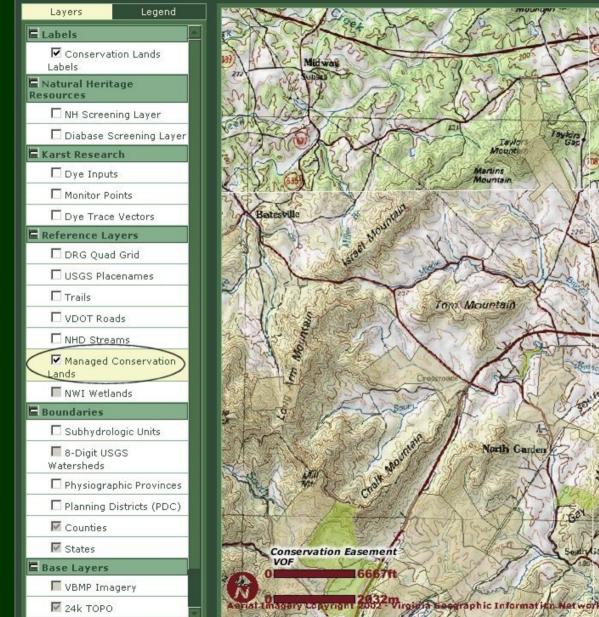


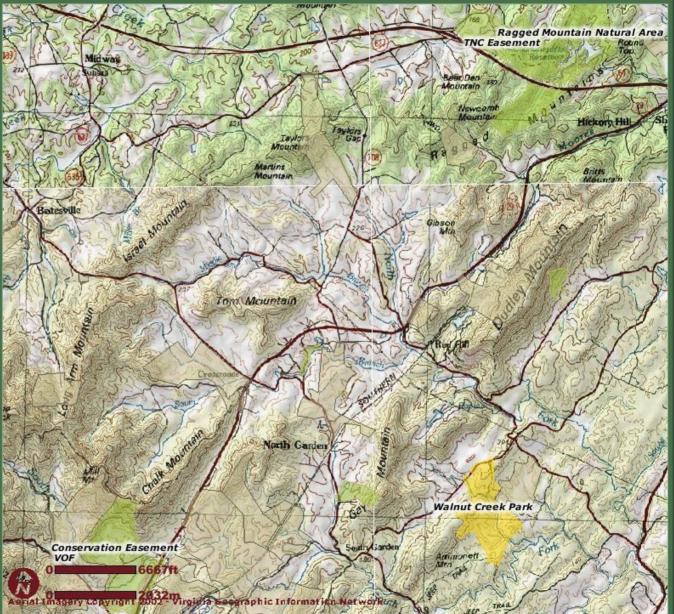


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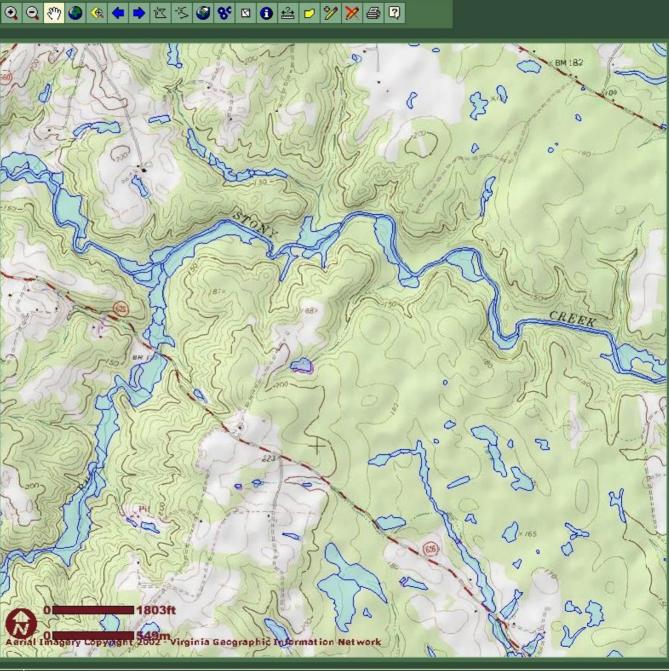
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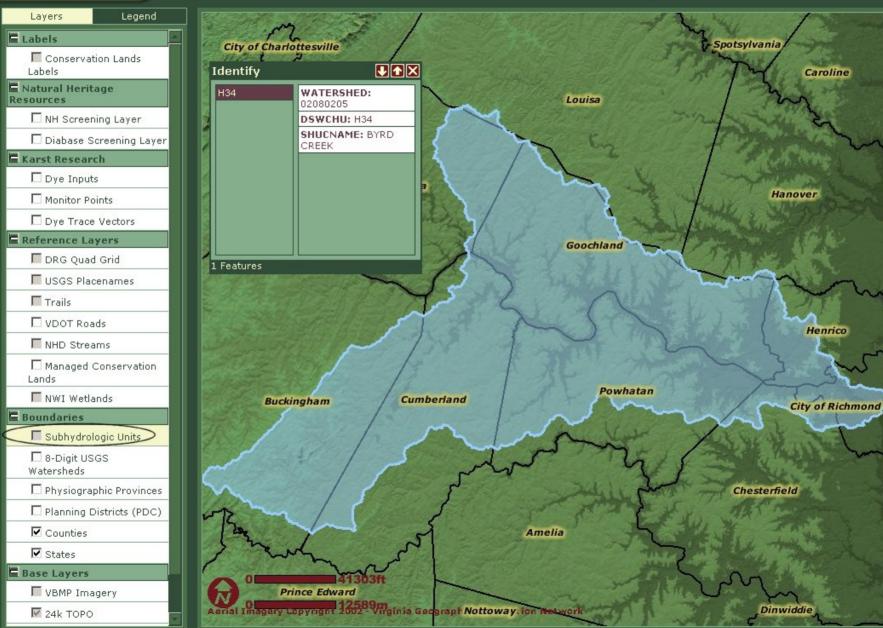
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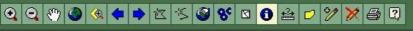




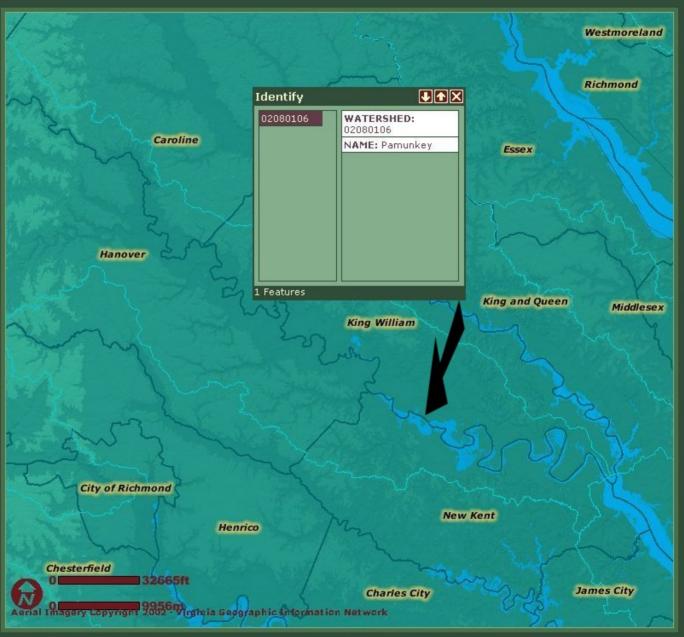
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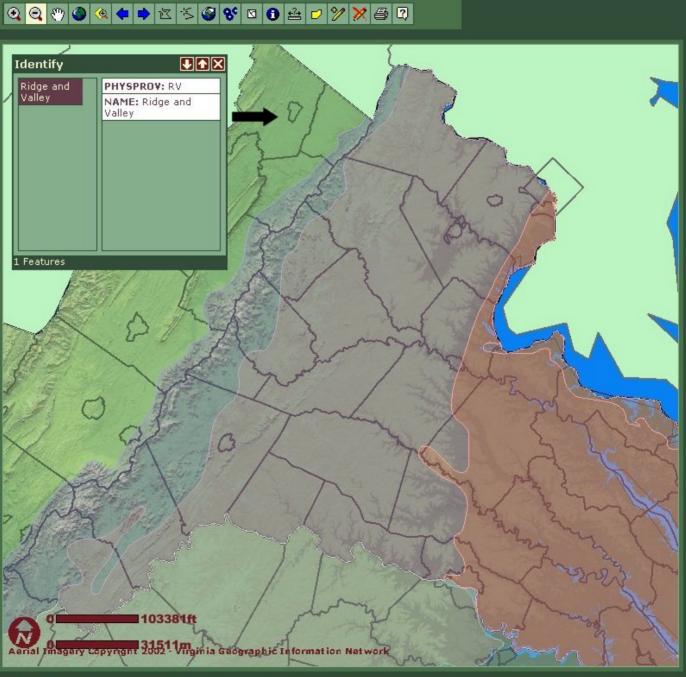
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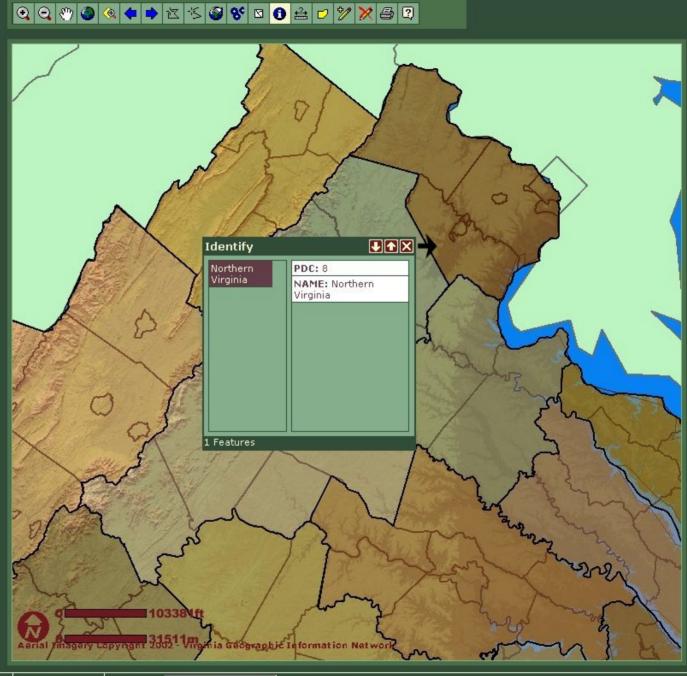








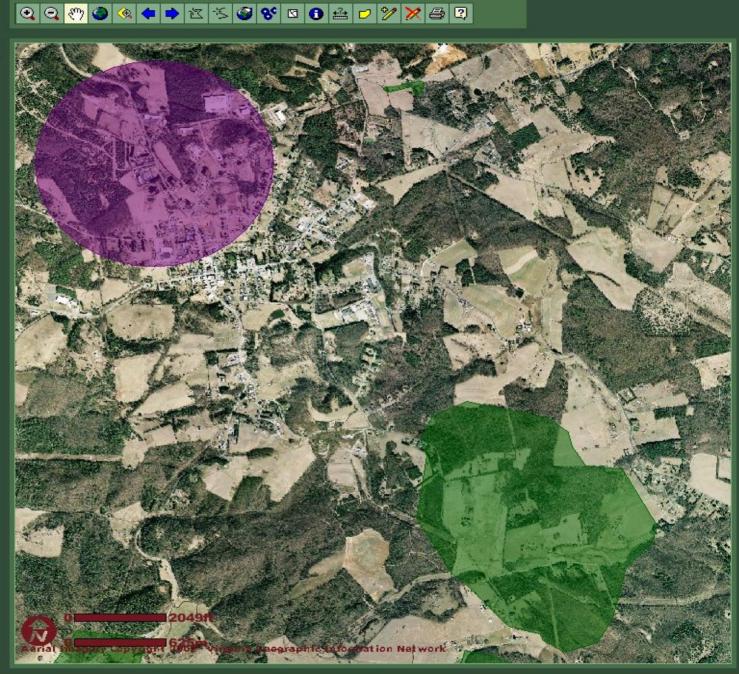




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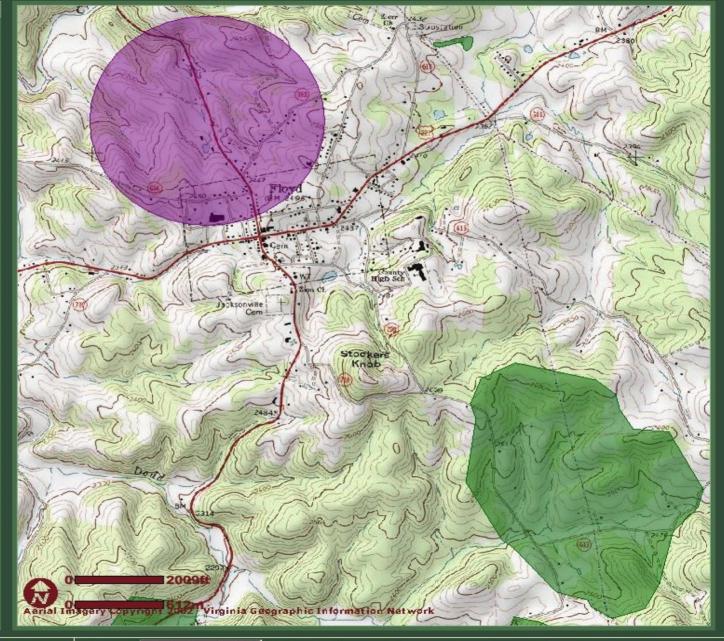
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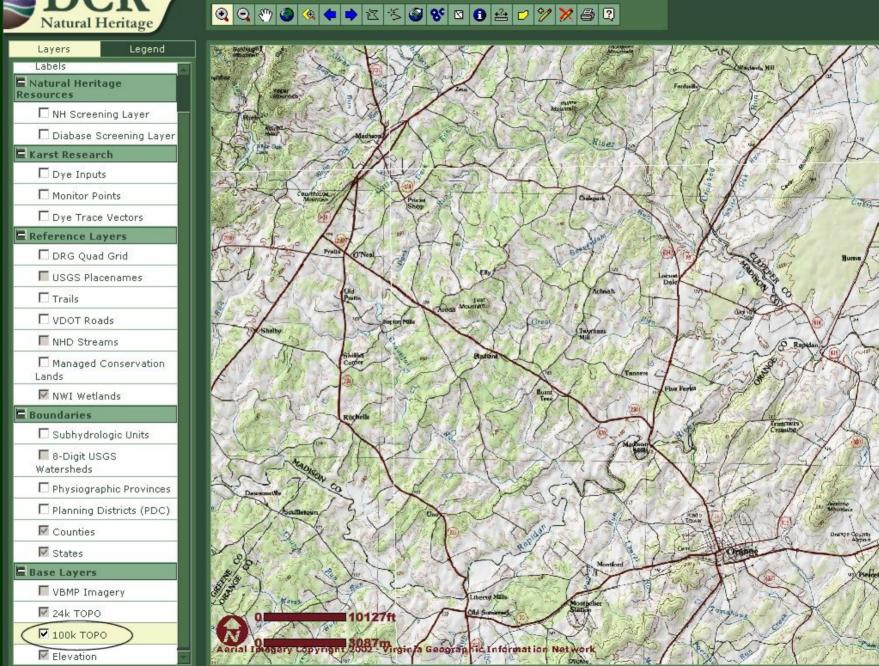
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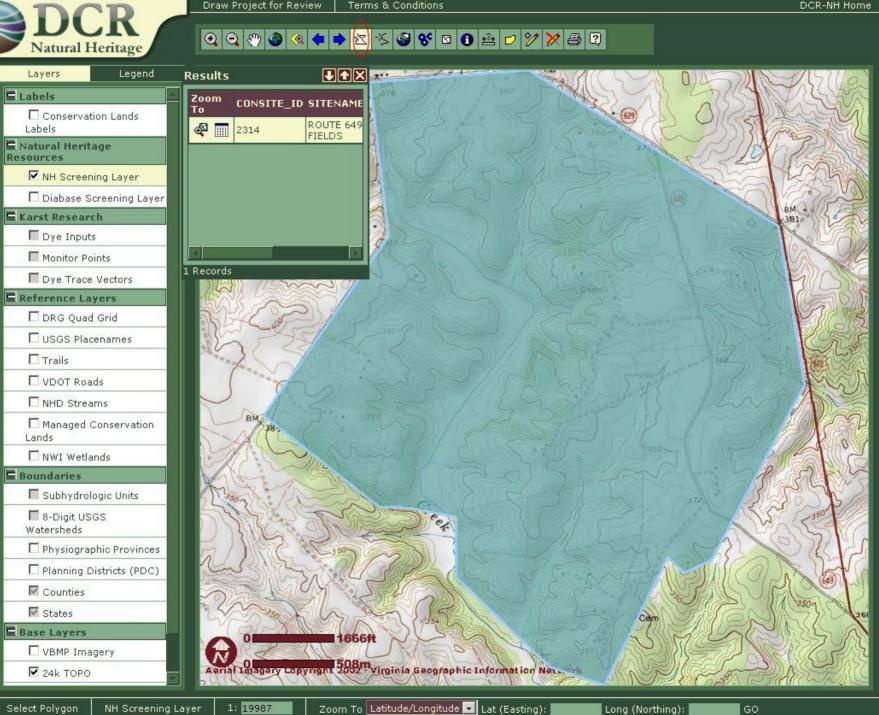




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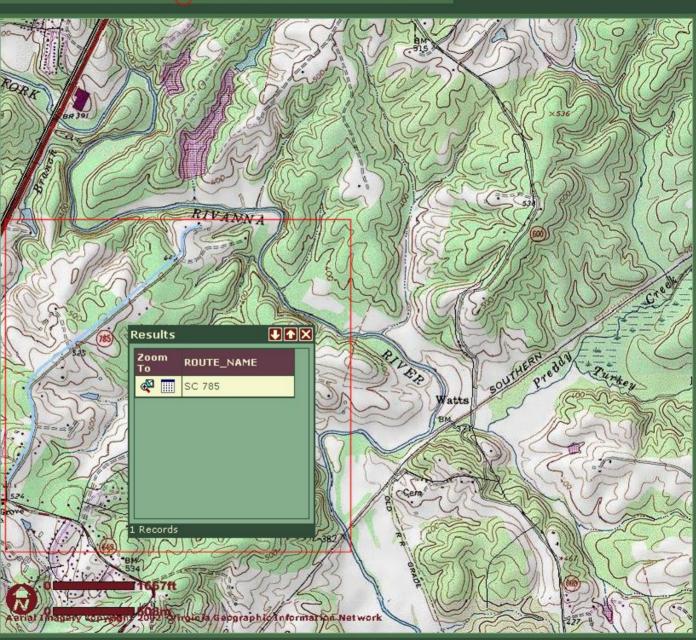
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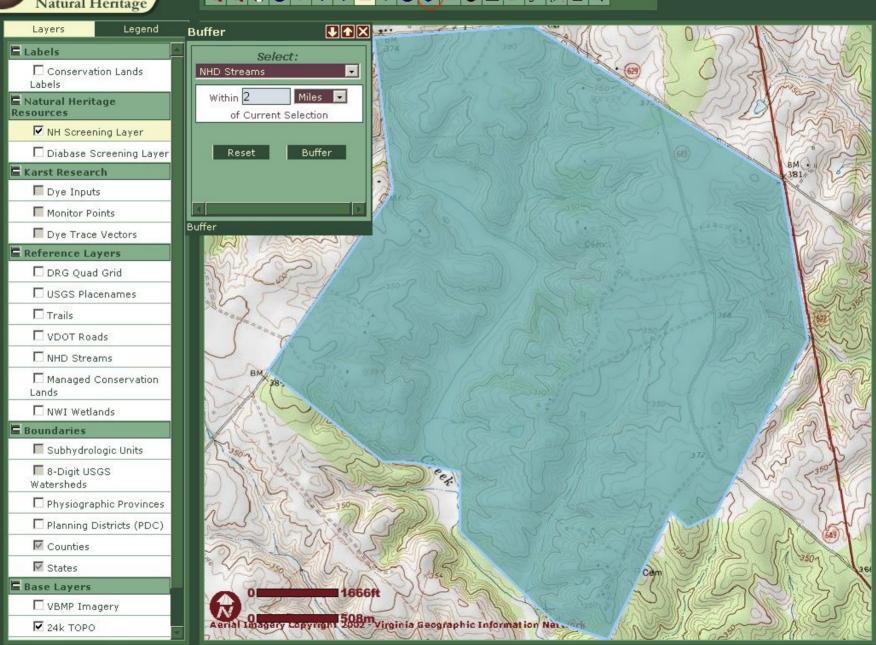
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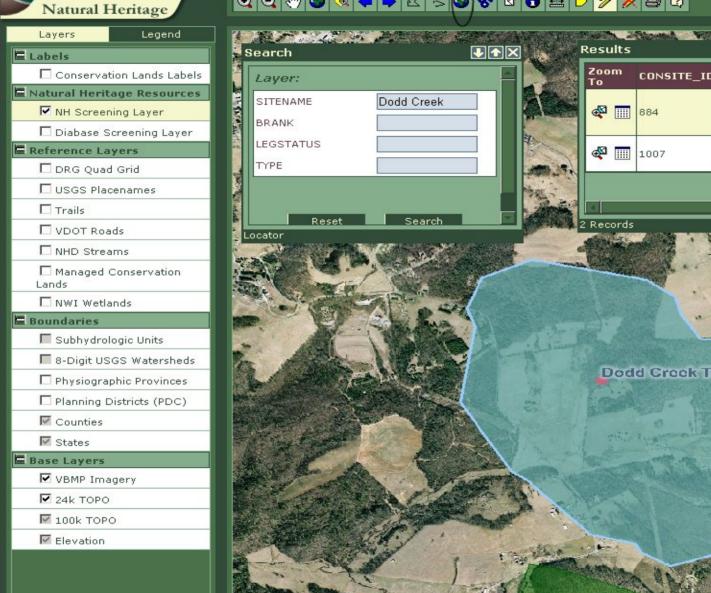
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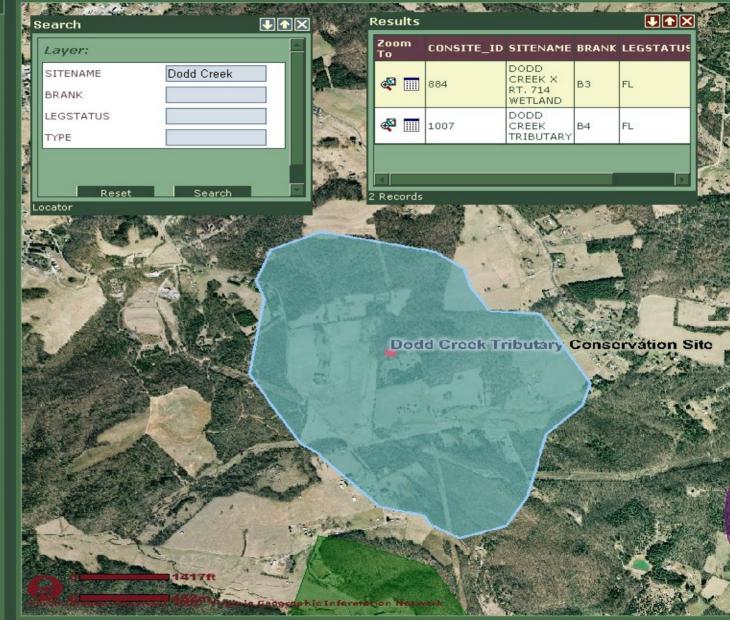
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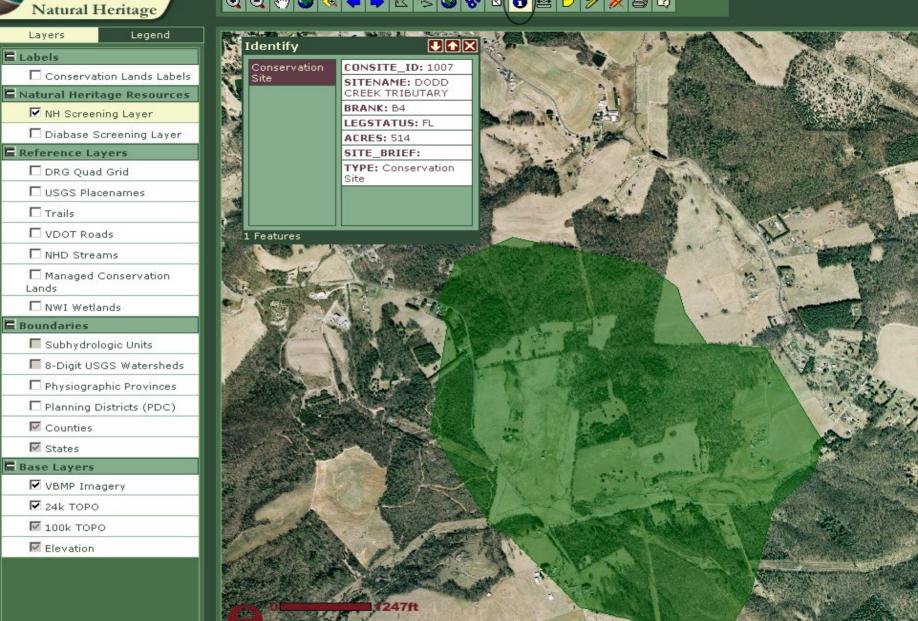
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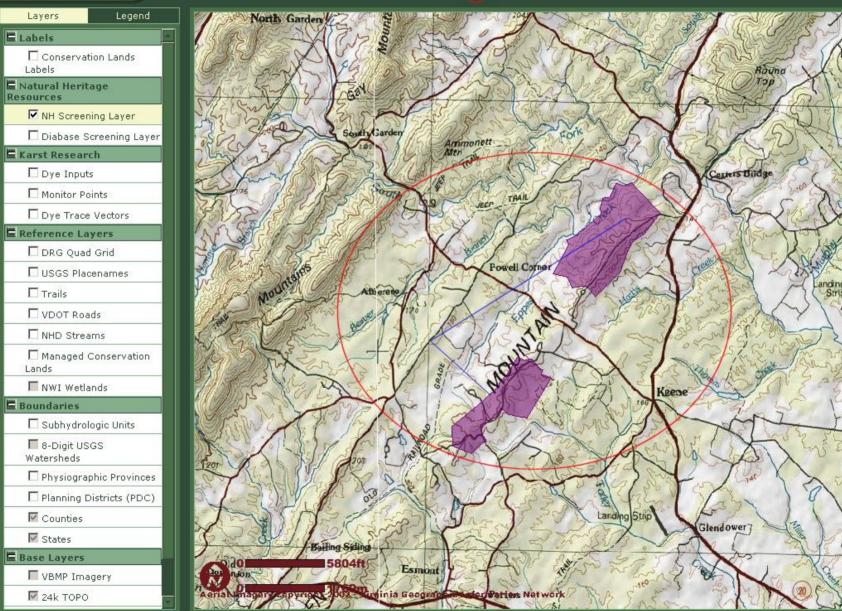
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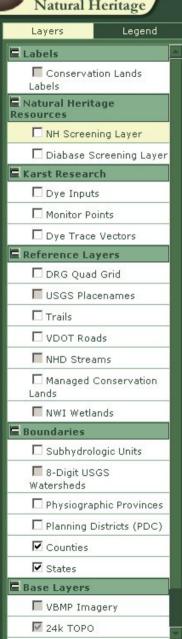
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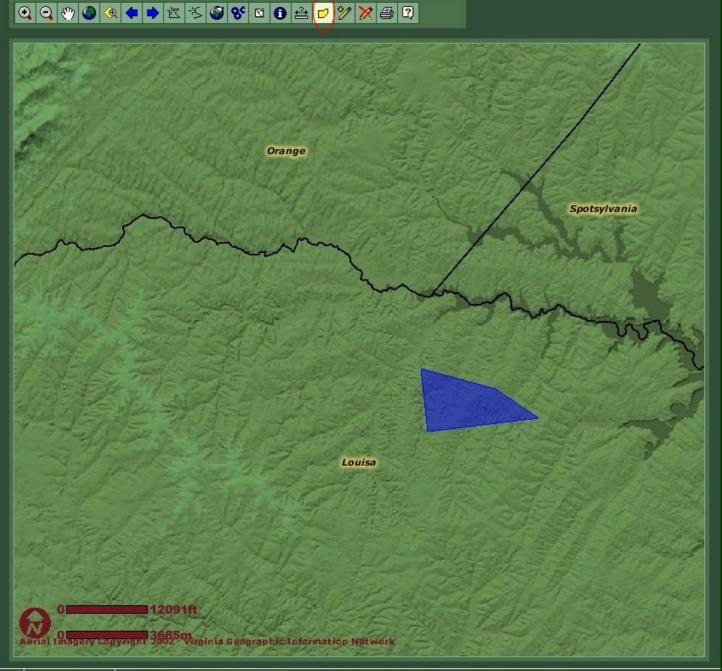
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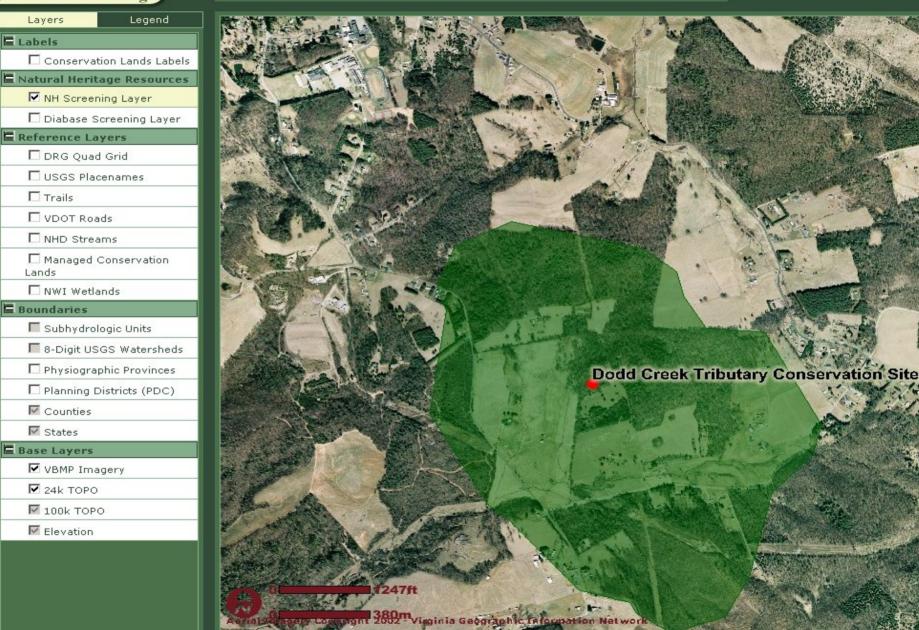
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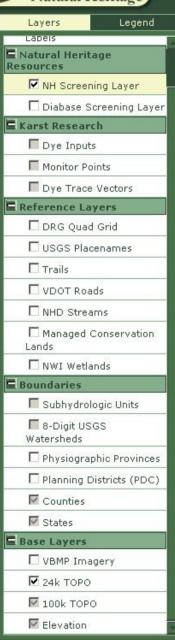
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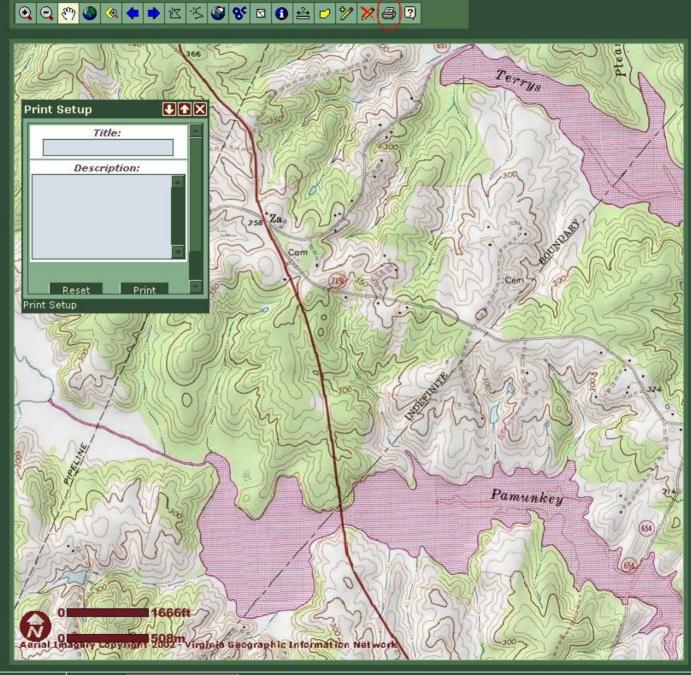
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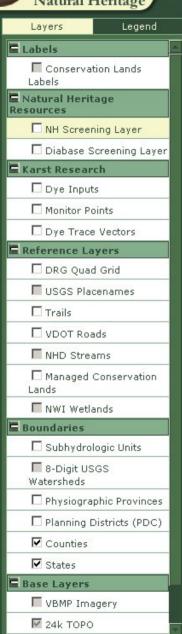


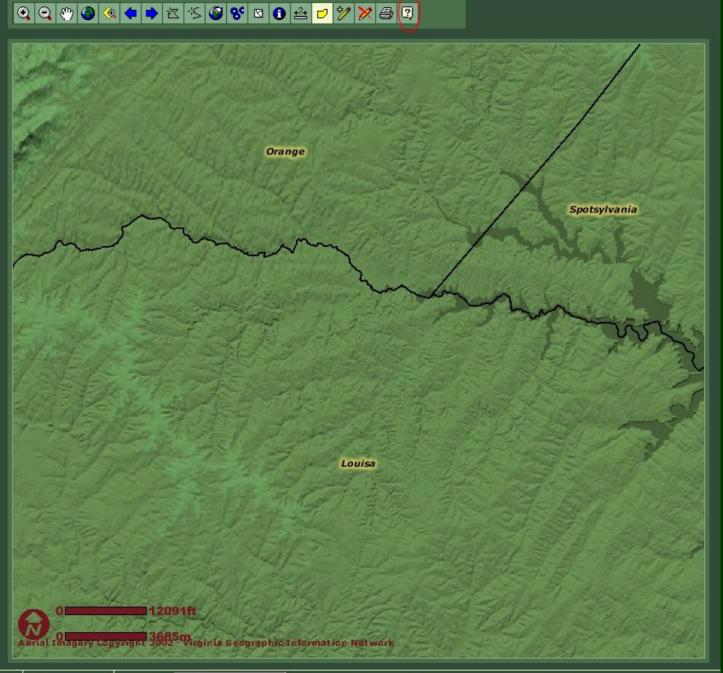




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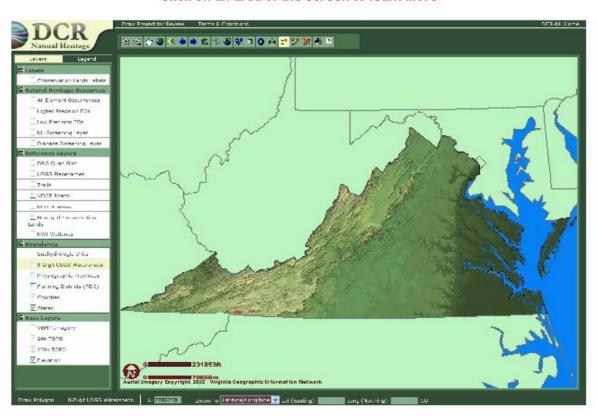
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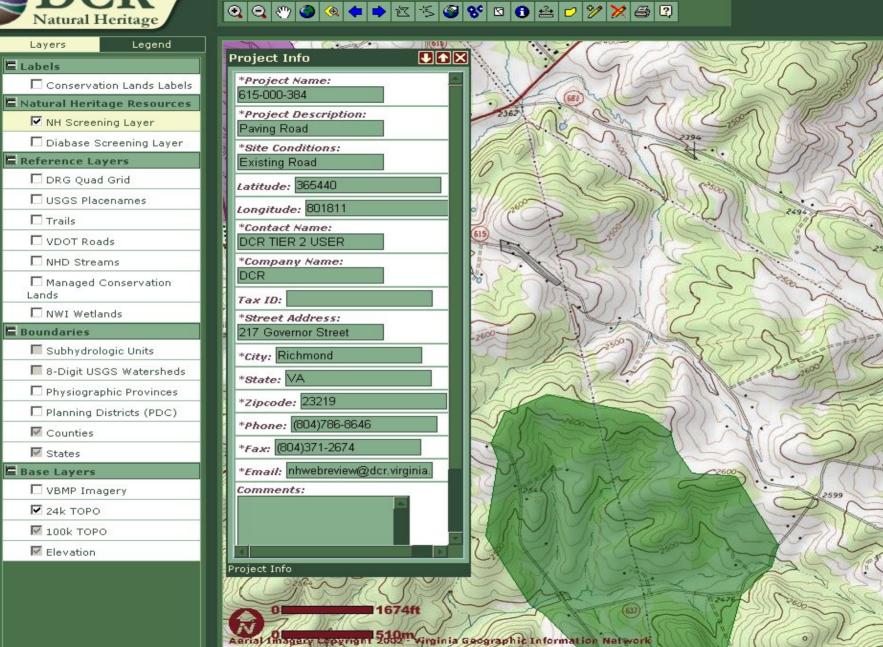
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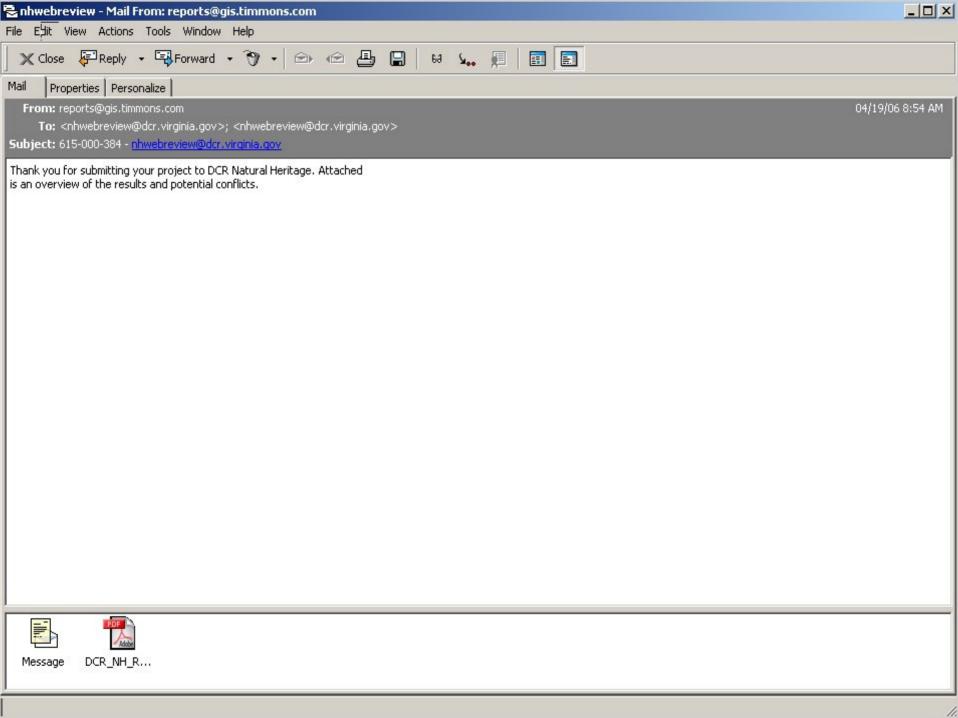
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#### PROJECT INFORMATION

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EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS: Existing Road

QUADRANGLES: FLOYD

COUNTIES: Floyd

Latitude/Longitude (DMS): 365440/801811

Acreage: 5 Comments:

#### REQUESTOR INFORMATION

Contact Name: DCR TIER 2 USER

Company Name: DCR

Address: 217 Governor Street

City: Richmond State: VA Zip: 23219

Phone: (804)786-8646 Fax: (804)371-2674 Email: nhwebreview@dcr.virginia.gov

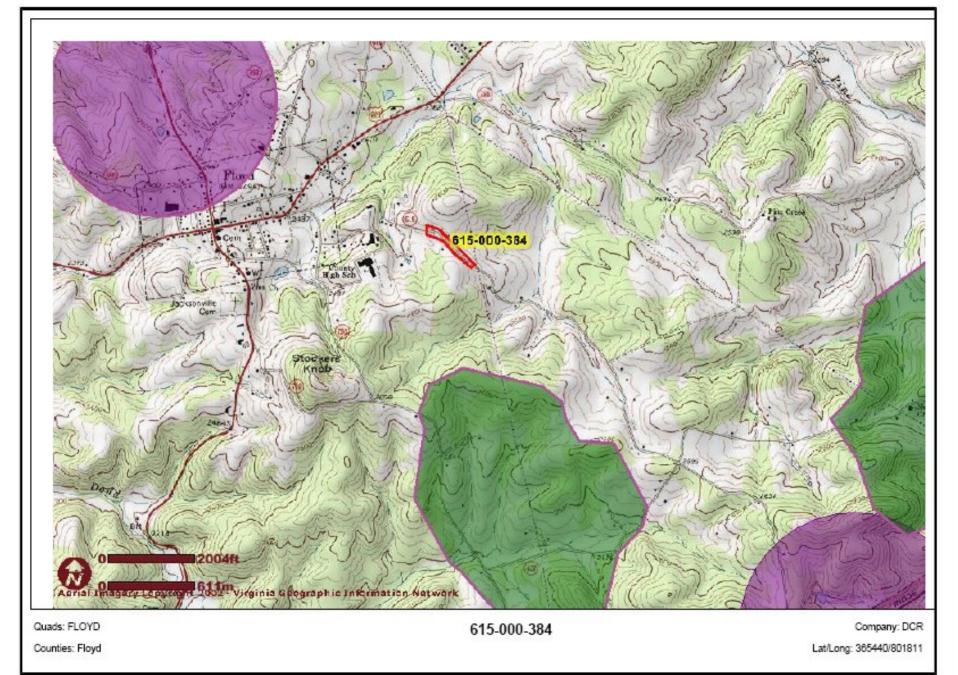
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	Vascular Plant	Brown Bog Sedge	Carex buxbaumii	G5	S2			E	1985-05-26	М
	Vascular Plant	Brown Bog Sedge	Carex buxbaumii	G5	S2			E	1983-07-23	M
	Vascular Plant	Gray's Lily	Lilium grayi	G3	S2			E	1982-07-04	М
	Vascular Plant	Sword-leaved Phlox	Phlox buckleyi	G2	S2	soc		н	1980-06-15	G
DODD CREEK TRIBUTARY	Vertebrate Animal	Bog Turtle	Glyptemys muhlenbergii	G3	S1S2	LT	LE	E	1987-05-26	s
NEW HAVEN	Vertebrate Animal	Bog Turtle	Glyptemys muhlenbergii	G3	S1S2	LT	LE	н	1972-05-23	s
OLDFIELD OREEK SEEP	Vascular Plant	Linear-leaved Willow-herb	Epilobium leptophyllum	G5	S2			вс	2001-07-02	s

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Conservation Site Name	Site Type	Brank	Acreage	Listed Species Presence
	GLNHR			
	GLNHR			
NEW HAVEN	Conservation Site	B4	680	FL
ROBERTSON BOG	Conservation Site	B4	145	FL
DODD CREEK TRIBUTARY	Conservation Site	B4	514	FL
OLDFIELD CREEK SEEP	Conservation Site	B5	3	NL



L. Preston Bryant, Jr Secretary of Natural Resources



Joseph H. Maroon Director

## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

The project mapped as part of this report has been searched against the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Biotics Data System for occurrences of natural heritage resources from the area indicated for this project. Natural heritage resources are defined as the habitat of rare, threatened, or endangered plant and animal species, unique or exemplary natural communities, and significant geologic formations.

According to the information currently in Biotics files, NATURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED within two miles of the indicated project boundaries

You have submitted this project to DCR for a more detailed review for potential impacts to natural heritage resources. DCR will review the submitted project to identify the specific natural heritage resources in the vicinity of the proposed project. Using the expertise of our biologists, DCR will evaluate whether your specific project is likely to impact these resources, and if so how. DCR's response will indicate whether any negative impacts are likely and, if so, make recommendations to avoid, minimize and/or mitigate these impacts. If the potential negative impacts are to species that are state- or federally-listed as threatened or endangered, DCR will also recommend coordination with the appropriate regulatory agencies: the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries for state-listed animals, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for state-listed plants and insects, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for federally listed plants and animals. If your project is expected to have positive impacts we will report those to you with recommendations for enhancing these benefits.

Please allow up to 30 days for a response.

We will review the project based on the information you included in the Project Info submittal form, which is included in the report that follows. Often additional information can help us make a more accurate and detailed assessment of a project's potential impacts to natural heritage resources. If you have additional information that you believe will help us better assess your project's potential impacts, you may send that information to us. Please refer to the project Title (from the first page of this report) and include this pdf file with any additional information you send us.

Thank you for submitting your project for review to the Virginia Natural Heritage Program through the NH Data Explorer. Should you have any questions or concerns about DCR, the Data Explorer, or this report, please contact the Natural Heritage Project Review Unit at 804-371-2708.

its.

## VA NH Data Explorer Hands-on Training

- Upcoming training dates:
  - Sept 17<sup>th</sup> in Salem
  - Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at VIMS
- Contact Katy Alldredge to register 804-786-7951 or Katy.Alldredge@dcr.virginia.gov

## Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment



## Green Infrastructure Planning

- Green Infrastructure is our natural life support system:
  - ➤ an interconnected network of protected land and water that sustains air and water resources, maintains natural ecological processes, supports native species, and contributes to the health and quality of life for the people in our communities.
  - >"...it looks at conservation values and actions in concert with land development and growth management"



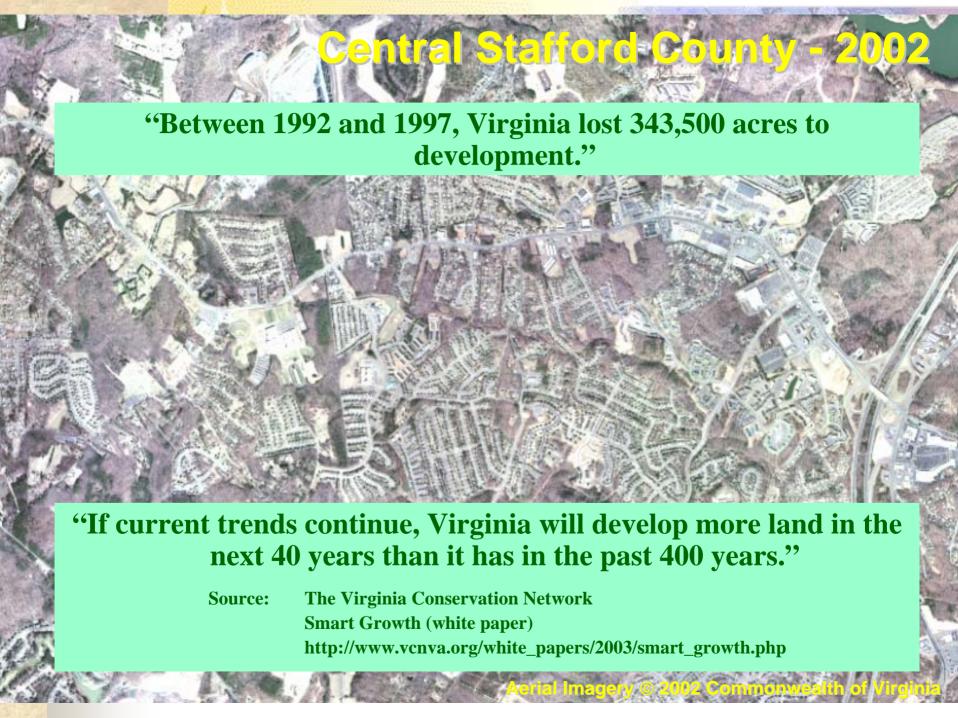
## VA Conservation Lands Needs Assessment (VCLNA)

- An integrated assemblage of datasets and prioritization guidelines that can be used to identify Green Infrastructure according to the needs and strategies of different conservation interests
  - Widely applicable tool for identifying and prioritizing land conservation
- Data is available in three formats:
  - GIS format for in house manipulation and use
  - Web based application to provide local users with GIS tools and information at the desktop via the Web (August 2007)
  - Hard copy maps and atlas format

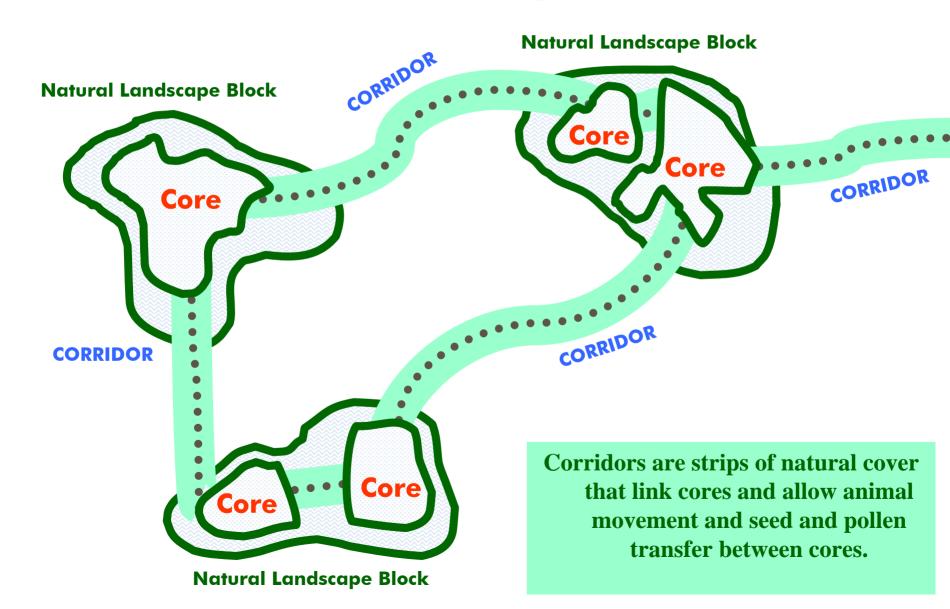
## VA Natural Landscape Assessment (VANLA)

- One component of the more comprehensive VCLNA
- A landscape-scale GIS analysis for identifying, prioritizing and linking natural habitats in Virginia
  - 'Habitat fragmentation'
- Generates ecological data layers that complement other conservation interests and needs



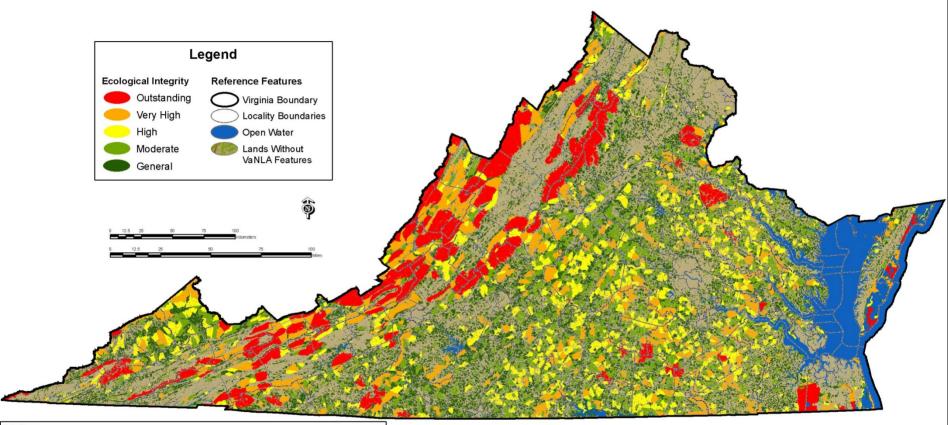


# Conceptual Model of the VA Natural Landscape Assessment



## Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment Virginia Natural Landscape Assessment Cores and Habitat Fragments Prioritized by Ecological Integrity

June 2007



#### Definitions

Core: A patch of natural land with at least 100 acres of interior cover. Interior cover begins 100 meters inward from the patch edge.

Habitat Fragment: A patch of natural land with 10 to 99 acres of interior cover. Interior cover begins 100 meters inward from the patch edge

Ecological Integrity: Maintaining vital natural landscapes is essential for basic ecosystem services such as cleaning our air and filtering our water. Natural lands also harbor thousands of species of animals and plants and contain libraries of genetic information from which we derive new foods, materials, and medicinal compounds. These parts of the landscape also provide us with recreational opportunities and open space resources. But these qualities are represented differently across the cores and habitat fragments that constitute the natural landscape. To assess their unique values, we are assigning each core and habitat fragment an ECOLOGICAL INTEGRITY score that rates the relative contribution of that area to the values above. In general, larger, more biologically diverse areas are given higher scores. Scores are enhanced if the core or habitat fragment is part of a larger complex of natural lands. Areas that may contribute to water quality enhancement score higher, as well, while other factors have yet to be analyzed in this work in progress.

For more information about the VaNLA and other components of the VCLNA, visit DCR's website at http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/













## New for the VCLNA...

- Extending the VA Natural Landscape Assessment to the entire state with:
  - New land cover data
  - Revised and improved methodology
- Identifying and developing issue-specific data sets, with assistance from other agencies and organizations, to integrate with the Natural Landscape Assessment, e.g.
  - Natural heritage resources
  - Outdoor recreation
  - Water quality improvement
  - Drinking water protection
  - Cultural and historic resources
  - Sustainable forestry
  - Prime farmland
  - Vulnerability

## **Recreation Model**

**Objective**: To map the relative recreation value of lands in Virginia based on input model parameters.

#### Partners:

VA Dept of Game and Inland Fisheries DCR Division of Planning and Recreation Resources

#### **Data Layers:**

- Access points
- Trails
  - ❖Blueways
  - ❖Greenways
  - ❖Birding Trails
- Parks
  - **❖**Federal
  - ❖State
  - **❖**Local
- •Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Hunting and Fishing Data
- •Beaches VIMS

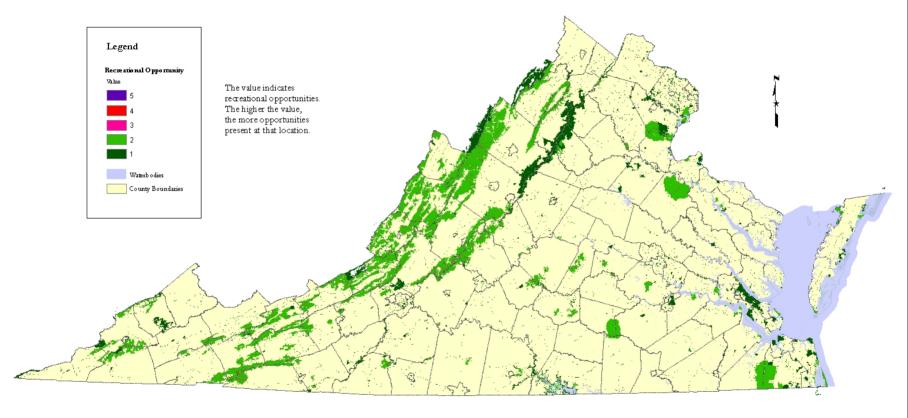


- Analyses
  - ❖Service Radii
  - ❖Travel Time

**Status:** Completion April 2007; data, metadata and technical report available upon request.

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## Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment Virginia Recreation Model















For more information about the VCLNA and the Recreation Model, visit DCR's website: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\_heritage/vclna.shtml

## **Water Quality Model**

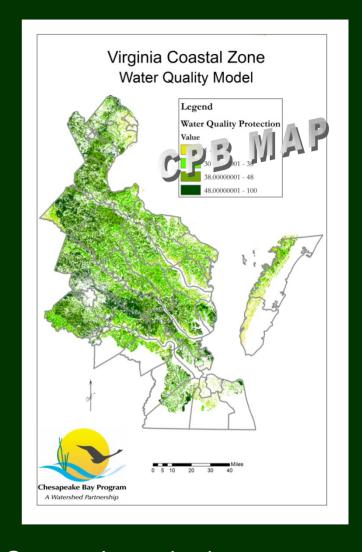
Objective: To identify the relative value of lands as they contribute to water quality and watershed integrity.

#### **Potential Partners:**

- VA Dept of Environmental Quality
- DCR Division of Soil and Water
- VA Dept of Forestry
- Virginia Commonwealth University

#### **Potential Data Layers:**

- INSTAR VCU Center for Environmental Studies
- Proximity to Water
- Erodible Soils
- Slope
- Forest Fragmentation
- SPARROW or NPS data from Division of Soil and Water
- Stream Density (m/sq km)
- Impervious Surfaces
- Municipal Water Supplies VA Dept Health



**Status:** In production, completion anticipated August 2007.

## **Cultural Assets**

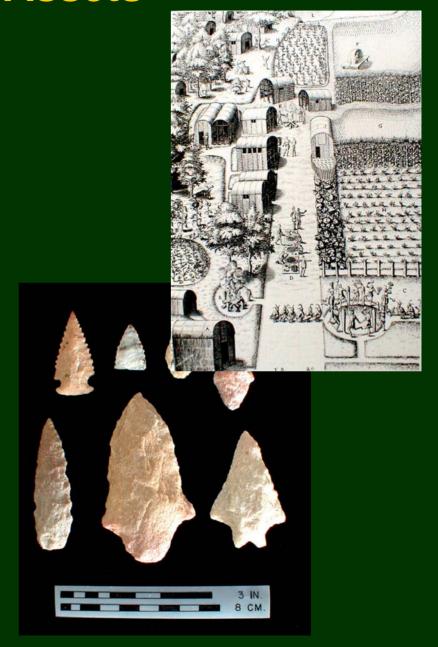
Objective: The objective of the cultural assets model is to identify the relative cultural value of lands as defined by the model input parameters.

<u>Partner</u>: Virginia Department of Historic Resources

## Data Layers

- Archaeological Sites & Architectural Sites
  - 1. National Historic Districts
  - 2. National Historic Landmarks
  - 3. National Historic Register Sites
  - State Inventoried Sites
     (Eligible for possible National Register and Easements)
- American Indian Areas

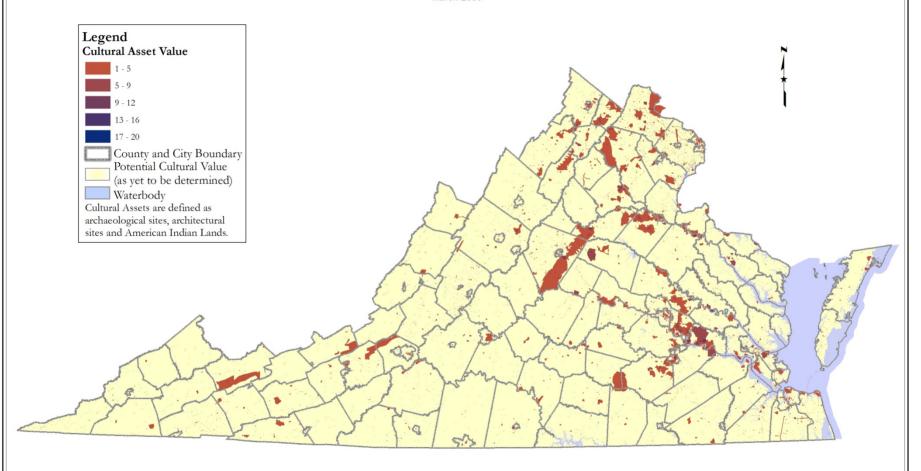
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## Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment Virginia Cultural Asset Model

March 2006







For more information about the VCLNA and the Cultural Assets Model, visit DCR's website: http://www.dcr.state.va.us/dnh

## **Forest Economics**

Objective: To map the relative value of forest lands with economic

value.

Partner: VA Dept of Forestry

### **Data Layers**

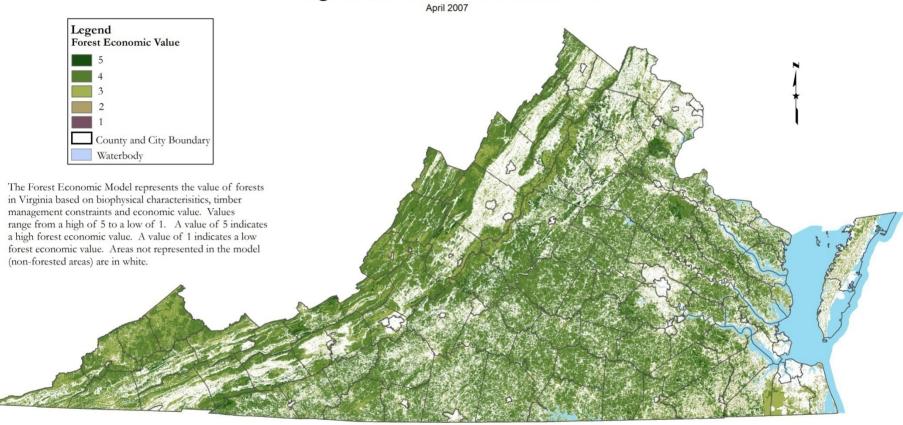
- Soil Productivity
- Forest Land Fragmentation
- Riparian and Wetland features
- Steep Slopes NHD
- Rare, T and E Species
- Census Data Geography Network / US Gov't
- Forest Land Use Taxation Values (economic data)
  - Stumpage value
  - Forest productivity values

Status: Completion May 2007; data, metadata and technical report available upon request.



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#### Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment Virginia Forest Economic Model















For more information about the VCLNA and the Forest Economic Model, visit DCR's website: http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\_heritage/vclna.shtml

## **Agricultural / Prime Farmland Model**

**Objective**: To identify the relative agricultural productivity and sustainability value of lands in Virginia.

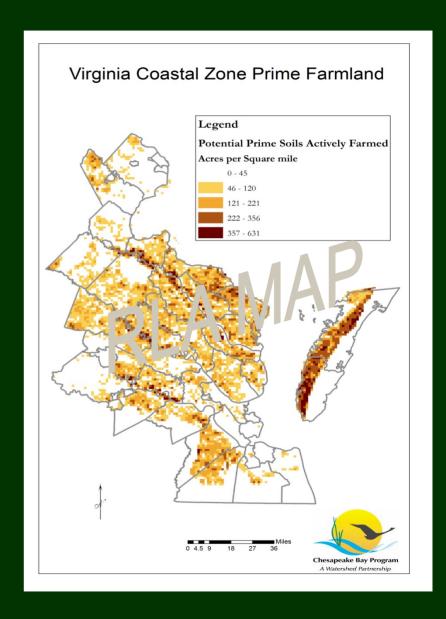
### **Potential Partners:**

- o VA Dept of Agriculture
- o American Farmland Trust
- o VA Tech

### **Potential Data Layers:**

- Soils data
- RESAC 2000 Land Cover
- National Elevation Dataset (Slope)
- DGIF Wildlife Action Plan Derivatives
- Additional information in production

**Status:** In production, anticipated completion August 2007.



## **Vulnerability Model**

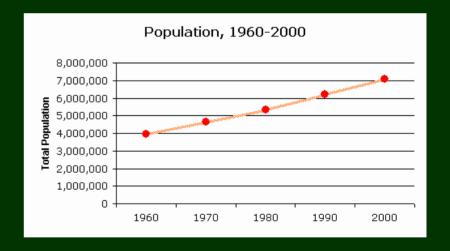
Objective: To develop a growth prediction model to provide a landscape view of growth trends in Virginia. Developed an Urban Growth Prediction Model, a Suburban Growth Prediction Model (called Urban Fringe Growth), a Rural Growth Prediction Model (called Growth Outside the Urban Fringe), and a composite model.

**Partner**: Virginia Commonwealth University

### **Data Layers:**

- Land Use
- Slope
- 1990 Census Block Group data
- 2000 Census Block Group data
- 1990 Impervious Surface data
- 2000 Impervious Surface data
- Road Density
- Parcel data
- Rural-Urban Commuting Area Codes (RUCA)

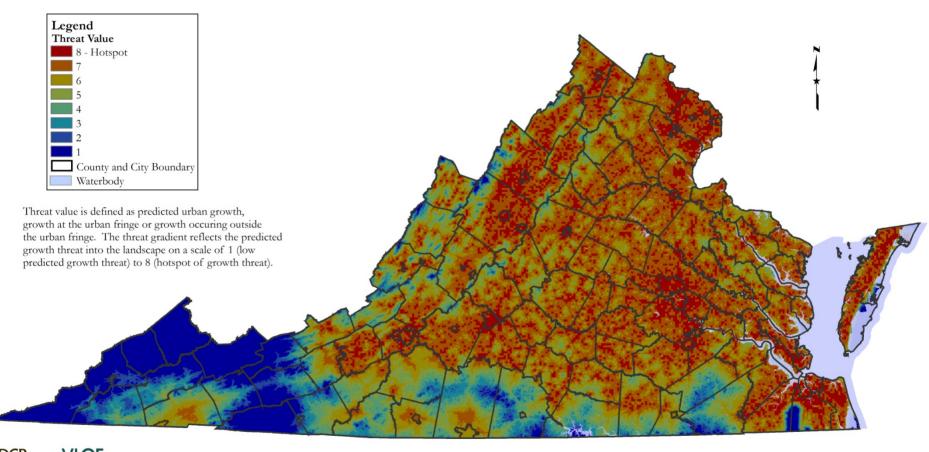
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#### Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment Virginia Vulnerability Model

July 2006









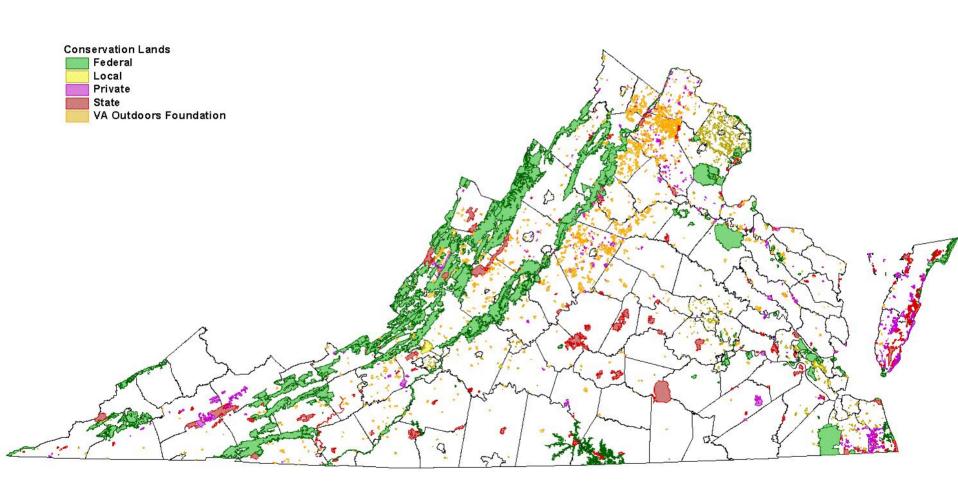
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## Conservation Lands Database

DCR has developed the Commonwealth's first comprehensive, continually maintained GIS data layer for Virginia's protected conservation lands.

- Database includes mapped boundaries and attributes for public and certain private lands in VA that have potential significance for serving a variety of conservation, recreation, and open-space roles.
- Included are:
  - Most federal and state lands,
  - Regional and interstate lands such as water and park authorities,
  - Parks and undeveloped or partially-developed lands owned by localities,
  - Lands owned as preserves by non-profit conservation organizations such as The Nature Conservancy, and
  - Conservation easements held by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, land trusts and others.

### Conservation Lands in Virginia



## Land Conservation Data Explorer

- Online GIS mapping application that can be used to display, search, query, and print maps and lists of Virginia's conservation lands and VCLNA data.
- http://www.vaconservedlands.org

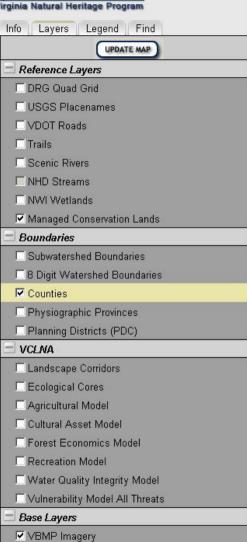
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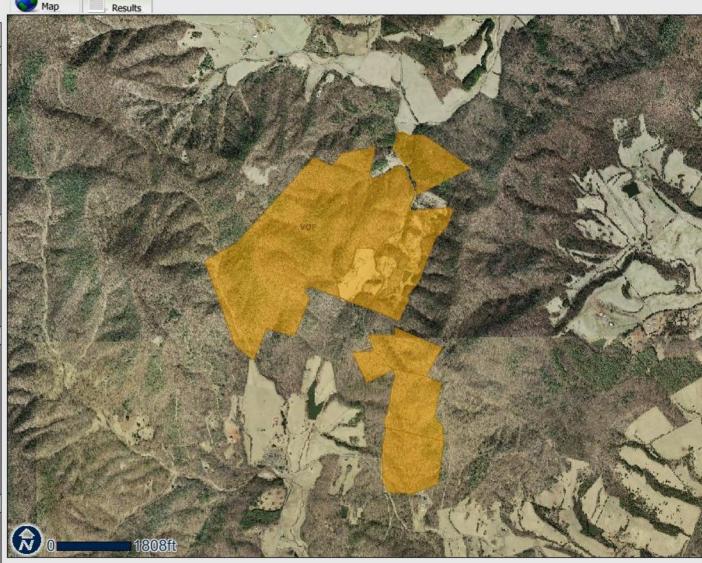
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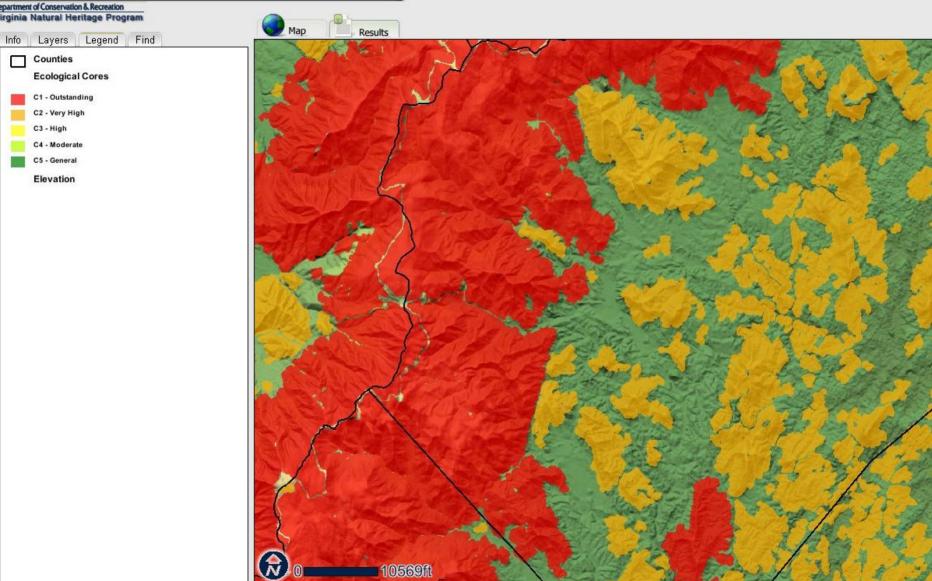










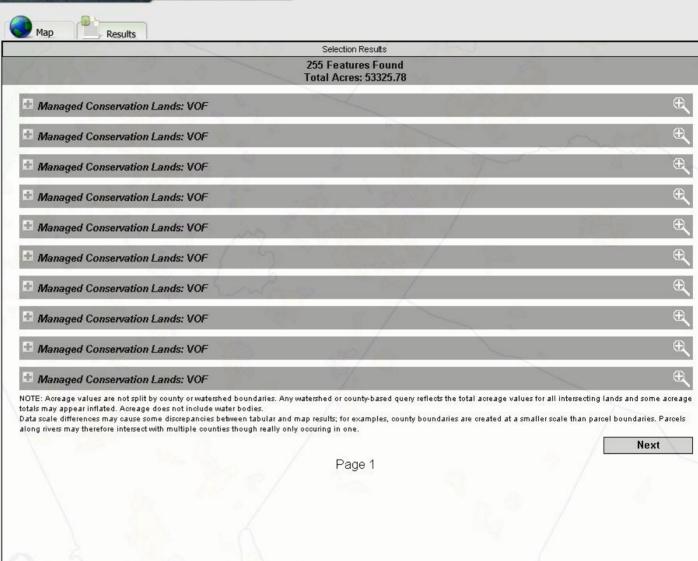




## DCR LAND CONSERVATION DATA EXPLORER

Department of Conservation & Recreation





















### VOF Easements in Albemarle County

Total acres: 53325.78 Data Report

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ALB-VOF-185	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	165
ALB-VOF-628	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	29.51
ALB-VOF-625	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	127.45
ALB-VOF-624	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	118
ALB-VOF-623	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	100
ALB-VOF-729	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	25.65
ALB-VOF-822	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	327
ALB-VOF-1038	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	228.14
ALB-VOF-1166	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	42.86
ALB-VOF-988	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	112.23
ALB-VOF-1640	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	64.1
ALB-VOF-1865	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	205.74
ALB-VOF-1866	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	172.16
ALB-VOF-184	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	506.4
ALB-VOF-330	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	43,9
ALB-VOF-397	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	23
ALB-VOF-814	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	38
ALB-VOF-1183	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	416.48
ALB-VOF-1185	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	124.46
ALB-VOF-1953	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	648.29
ALB-VOF-1980	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	37.47
ALB-VOF-1977	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	150
ALB-VOF-1901	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	196.9
ALB-VOF-1905	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	506.97
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ALB-VOF-1904	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	173
ALB-VOF-1903	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	441.79
ALB-VOF-861	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	378.2
ALB-VOF-867	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	125.37
ALB-VOF-1170	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	92.56
ALB-VOF-441	VOF Easement	VOF	VOF	closed	5.11

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